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Raritan Road reconstruction to begin Friday

By David Learn
Managing Editor

If you think rush-hour traffic on Raritan Road is bad now, just wait until Friday.

That's the message Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Township Council drove home Monday night as they warned motorists of repairs the county is planning to start at the bridge, which traverses the former Middlesex County Water Co. reservoir near the Clark Volunteer Emergency Services Squad House.

Describing the anticipated traffic backlog as "hell" and "a colossal nightmare," township officials still stressed the necessity of the bridge work and urged residents to avoid the

construction area whenever possible.

"There will be heavy traffic delays, and I believe when school comes back, the traffic's going to be even worse," said Bonaccorso. "I don't like it, but I accept it."

The bridge, on grade with the rest of the road, is two lanes wide. The project will involve tearing out the lanes one at a time so that one side of the bridge is always open to accommodate traffic.

During the first phase, which is set to begin Friday, the county will install a temporary traffic signal to allow traffic flow in alternating directions.

"We're going to do our best to keep the flow moving," said Sgt. Ray Palmer of the Police Department's

Traffic Bureau. "No matter what we do there's going to be heavy delays on Raritan Road."

In the second phase of the project, due to begin in about six months, the half of the bridge that will have been rebuilt will support two lanes of traffic, one in each way.

"It will be tight, but it will be two lanes," said Palmer. "At least that will help out greatly for the last stage."

Raritan Road is a county-owned throughway that serves as a major traffic artery from Woodbridge and Edison to Garden State Parkway Exit 135 in Clark. With an estimated 40,000 cars traveling the road each day, Raritan Road sports the busiest and third busiest intersections in the

county, at Central and Westfield avenues.

"Most of the traffic is going to be the Parkway traffic," said Palmer. "The residents know their way around the secondary streets, and as for the transient drivers, I'm sure they're going to find alternate routes."

One alternate route that has been eliminated is for Parkway-bound residents to turn left from Raritan Road onto Featherbed Lane directly before the reservoir. Left turns also are banned from Featherbed Lane onto Raritan Road.

Drivers still could use Featherbed Lane to circumvent the bridge work if they get on the road earlier, through one of the roads that feeds onto Acorn

Drive; or, more circuitously, by taking Meadow Road and Tudor Drive to Featherbed Lane and bypassing Raritan Road almost entirely.

The county is paying for the work through the Bridge Bond Act 1999, approved in a statewide referendum to repair the state's infrastructure.

Officials have said the repairs are necessary because of deteriorating steel supports and concrete. The bridge was built in 1927.

Updates on the bridge work will be made online at www.ourclark.com and through the Web site's e-mail list.

The Valley Road bridge also is being repaired at the moment. County officials hope to finish work there in mid-August.

Originally the county had planned to start the Raritan Road work after the Valley Road bridge had been rebuilt, but pushed the date up after prompting from municipal officials who wanted the project to begin amid reduced traffic volume because of summer vacation schedules.

Second Ward Councilman Peter Nevargic, who also sits on the Clark Traffic Coordinating Committee, felt confident the township would be able to weather the bumps and hiccups that would come with the road construction.

"As we go on from day to day, we'll also be learning something about that traffic situation and how to better it," he said, "so bear with us."

Wild about 'Harry'

Potter fans await next installment

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Unless you've been comatose for the last several months, you're probably aware that the new Harry Potter novel is coming out Saturday.

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth book in the runaway broomstick of J.K. Rowling's children's literature will go on sale Saturday morning, to the delight of fans who have waited three long years since "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

"My perception from being on the book floor and selling books to kids, my impression is that it's done wonders for the children's book industry," said Carol Ann Koert, community relations manager for Barnes & Noble on Central Avenue. "Kids that read Harry Potter, they're more interested in reading."

Despite its small start as children's literature — the Harry Potter series, although successful, didn't become a true cultural phenomenon until "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" was released — the series has gained widespread appeal.

"We have seniors coming in to preorder this book for themselves, to advanced readers who have read the first four," said Koert. "It's pretty funny how this book has grown across the spectrum."

During the past three years, where the only new Harry Potter has been the release of two feature films based on the first two books in the series, that reading has meant increased sales for other children's authors, such as Artemis Fowl and Lemmy Snicket.

"Because Harry Potter hasn't been here for three years, we've



Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

Evan Perrotta, 5, checks out a table of boxed sets of the past four Harry Potter tomes at Barnes & Noble on Raritan Road.

been able to get kids to read other things," said Koert.

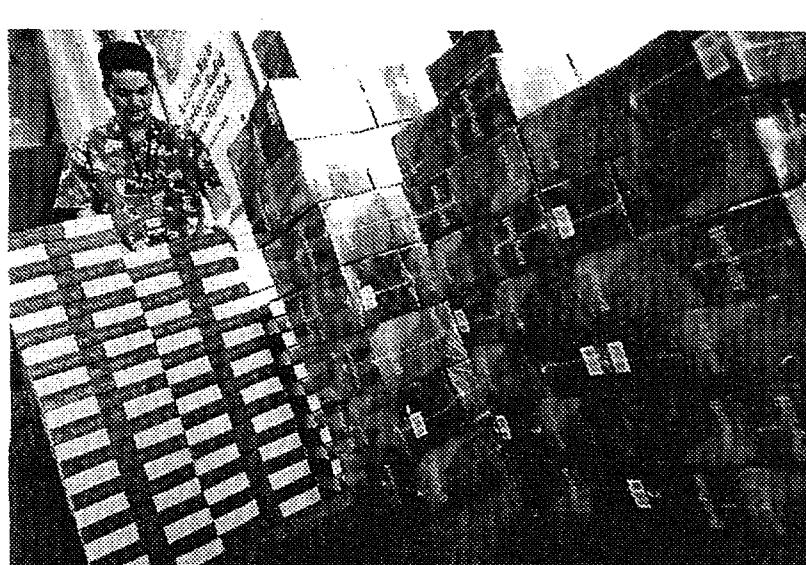
But with the fifth, highly anticipated Harry Potter book finally coming out, Barnes & Noble, like other bookstores nationwide, will be hosting special events Friday night to herald the book's arrival.

The store will stay open past midnight Friday with an evening of entertainment even a muggle could enjoy.

The highlight of the evening won't be a game of quidditch — the game of choice in the wizarding world — although event organizers hope the program, in the planning since February, will get their guests flying just as high.

For starters, a sorting hat will break children into four different teams, each named after a different house at Hogwarts School of

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In anticipation of the building Harry Potter frenzy, Barnes & Noble employee Joe Toma lays out copy upon copy of previously published adventures of the boy wizard.

Wording obscures ruling's intent

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark School District officials know they have money to make repairs — they're just not sure how much money and which repairs.

The reason for the uncertainty stems from a June 3 decision by state Commissioner of Education William Libera. In his decision, Libera authorized the Board of Education to sell \$19,204,980 million in construction bonds to make repairs at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The problem is, the school district doesn't want to enter \$19.5 million in long-term debt, and it would like to do more than repair the high school.

"Internally we don't believe that's what he meant to write," Business Administrator William Takacs said Tuesday morning.

Tom Rosenthal, a spokesman for the state Department of Education, said the department generally does not issue clarifications to the commissioner's decisions, but said he would try to get an explanation.

There was no further comment from the department by press time Tuesday.

The \$19.2 million figure is the total cost of the school repairs, which include work at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, and at Frank K. Hehny and Valley Road elementary schools. Forty percent of that will be paid by the state, which leaves the school district picking up only \$11,522,988 in long-term debt.

But Libera's decision authorizes the school district to enter \$19.2 million. If the district

state were to give them matching funds, the district could find itself with a much higher amount to work with.

It won't happen, Takacs said.

"We would have no reason to," he said. "With his restriction of no new building, we would have no use for \$26 million."

The Board of Education also is seeking clarification from the state Department of Education on exactly what work it's allowed to do.

Libera's decision stipulated that he was not authorizing construction of new classrooms, that the Board of Education was to perform repairs at the high school only.

The problem is that the \$19.2 million figure originally was intended to pay for repair work at the district's three other schools as well.

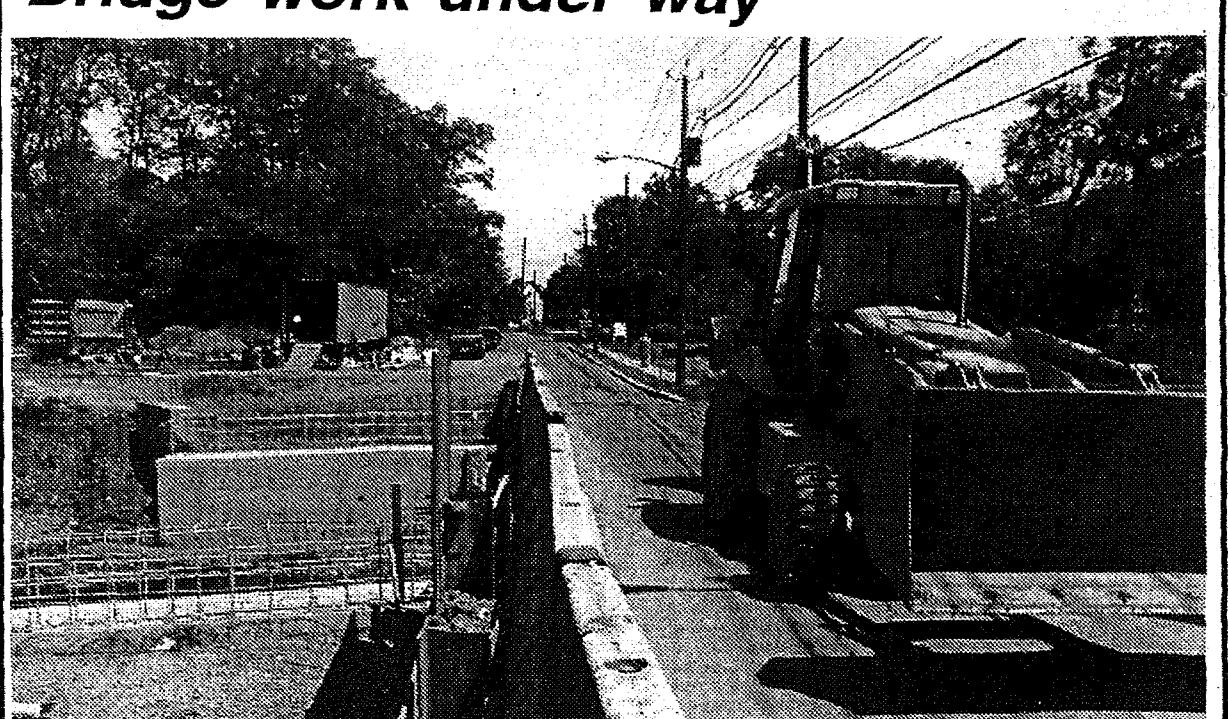
The district has sent a letter to Libera asking for clarification. At press time Tuesday, no response had come.

Under the arrangement as school officials understand it — where the school district would borrow \$11,522,988 — the money would be repaid over a 20-year period.

"I'm assuming at this point that 4 percent would be worst case," said Takacs. "It should come in at less than that, but it shouldn't make that much difference overall."

For the owner of the average township home, assessed at \$118,000, the annual tax impact would be

Bridge work under way



Crews continue to work on the Goodmans Crossing bridge on the Clark border with Scotch Plains, just off Lake Avenue. The bridge is currently closed to traffic, but only as a one-lane span. Both lanes will be open when the bridge is finished.

Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

E. Orange man arrested after chase

POLICE BLOTTER

An East Orange man was taken to jail after leading police on a chase early Friday morning.

Tawan Terrell, 30, of 170 N. Orton Parkway, East Orange, was charged with eluding arrest, hindering arrest and tampering with public documents.

Police provided no details about the arrest or what prompted it. A statement from police indicates that they chased Terrell north along the Garden State Parkway in a motor vehicle and on foot before he was arrested.

Unable to pay \$10,000 bail, Terrell was taken to Union County Jail.

No other information was available.

While investigating a motor-vehicle theft from a Rose Terrace residence, police charged Sean Murphy, 22, of 785 Audrey Drive, Rahway, with receiving stolen property.

The car was reported stolen at 2:06 a.m. Monday. Murphy was arrested at 2:13 a.m.

Bail was set at \$20,000, with additional warrants worth \$3,179 from Elizabeth and Linden for contempt of court.

Unable to post bail, Murphy was taken to Union County Jail.

A Rahway man was charged with possessing weapons for an unlawful purpose at 2:37 p.m. Friday.

Nicholas Nistico, 18, of 244 Rudolph Ave., Rahway, was arrested

at the Police Department.

He was released on his own recognizance.

A golfer at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex on Raritan Road reported a stolen wallet, at 11:54 a.m. June 9.

No information was available about what was in the wallet when it was stolen.

Investors Savings Bank on Westfield Avenue reported receiving bad checks, at 7:48 a.m. June 9.

Police did not say how much the checks were worth.

A Valley Road resident reported an incident of criminal mischief at 8:19 p.m. June 9.

No other information was available about the incident.

Police moved an Iselin man from one jail to another when he was unable to post bail on an alleged offense in Clark.

Richard Colacicco, 43, of 89 Trenton St., Iselin, was at the Middlesex County Corrections Facility at 9:57 a.m. June 10 when Clark police arrived with a contempt-of-court warrant.

When Colacicco was unable to pay \$800, Clark police took him to Union County Jail.

An incident of criminal mischief to a Raritan Road business was

reported at 4:51 p.m. June 10.

Police did not identify the business or the nature of the mischief.

The Fire Department extinguished an oven fire on Ivy Street at 2:12 p.m. June 11.

Police and fire officials were summoned to a Victoria Drive residence where smoke was spotted, at 3:27 p.m. June 11.

The smoke was linked to a malfunctioning air conditioning unit, said police, who turned the scene over to the Fire Department to handle.

Unspecified criminal mischief was reported to a motor vehicle in a Central Avenue business parking lot, at 8:11 p.m. June 11.

There was trouble on Elm Street the night of June 11, but it wasn't because of crime.

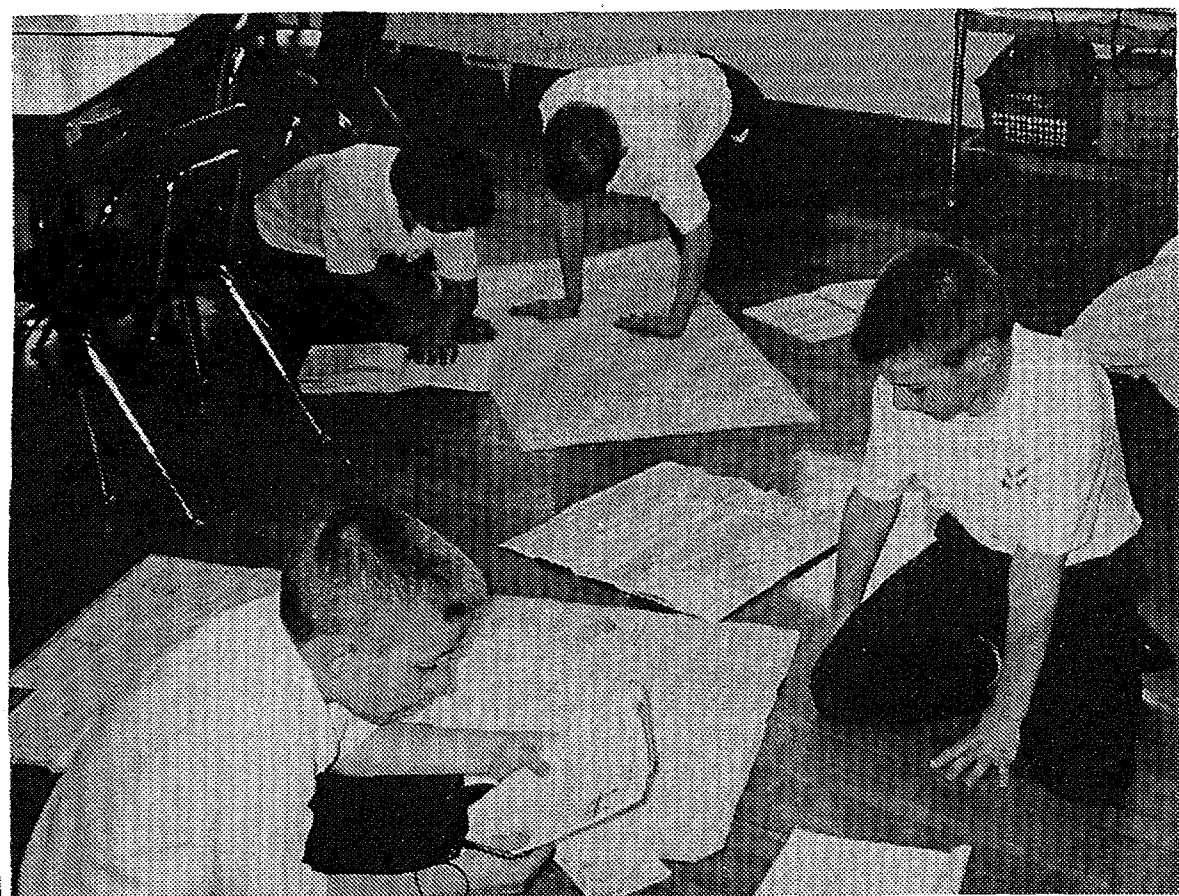
The problem reportedly lay in the phone. Police had responded to a 911 hang-up from an Elm Street home, but the resident said it was a fault with his phone line.

A fence was reported damaged at 53 Sweet Briar Drive, at 8:37 a.m. June 12.

Police arrested Kimberly Williams, 25, of 208 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant at 11:06 p.m. June 12.

Williams had been held at the Linden Police Department prior to the arrival of Clark police.

Map skills through lake spotting



Fourth-graders of St. John the Apostle School in Clark tackle a map skills project that involves locating lakes in New Jersey. The students are learning about the state as part of their curriculum.

Council boosts pay rates for work police do off the job

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark police officers got their wish Monday night when the Township Council agreed to increase the money police can collect for off-duty work.

The new rates apply to work such as providing security detail and directing traffic, which fall outside the scope of the regular job descriptions of Clark police. Police who perform such jobs are paid by the person or company that needs the service.

Under the new ordinance, the Clark Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 125 can charge \$45 an hour for traffic detail at a work site that is not being paid for by the township. Employers would have to pay for a minimum four hours of work. Other charges include a 15-percent

administrative fee and a \$10-a-day fee for use of a police car.

When the township is paying for the work, the hourly fee is \$35, increasing to \$42.50 after eight hours. The contractor performing the work also would have to pay an 8-percent administrative fee.

The 8-percent administrative fee carries over to work details involving the Board of Education or other school-related organizations and activities, such as the graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. today at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

In work details connected to the schools, the hourly rate for the officer's time is \$25, with no minimum number of hours.

The ordinance also sets a \$30 hourly fee for other outdoor jobs that

do not involve traffic work. In those situations, the township also would charge \$10 a day for the use of a police car, and would charge a 15-percent administrative fee.

In any event an off-duty police officer is needed for extra duty, the money is paid to the township and then later given to the officer. The township itself never pays the officer for work performed outside regular hours.

The PBA had asked for the rate increase Feb. 25 in a memo sent to Council President Jim Ulrich that cited the higher rates charged for similar services in other municipalities.

Clark's rates last were increased on Jan. 1, 1999.

Clark officials, workers given legal protection

You can't fight City Hall, the saying goes, and now you can't even sue the people who work there.

The Township Council by unanimous vote Monday night approved an ordinance to indemnify municipal employees and officials in the event of lawsuits prompted by actions they take as part of their official duties.

The ordinance covers municipal employees from the business administrator down to the Department of Public Works staff, elected officials such as the mayor, and appointed officials such as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The ordinance does not provide protection to people providing legal or engineering services to the town-

ship unless they are part- or full-time employees. It also makes exceptions for situations where the employee or official legally is required to indemnify the township as a condition of being appointed or hired.

The township also is allowed to deny legal defense to employees and officials if the Township Council judges that the employee or official acted outside their authority, with malice or if it providing the legal assistance would create a conflict of interest.

The ordinance will kick off its annual Independence Day celebration at 4:30 p.m. July 4.

The event will feature free chil-

dren's rides and will include food vendors outside the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 400 Westfield Ave.

Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. behind Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

Recreation programs ready to get under way

The Clark Recreation Department is preparing to run its 2003 summer recreation program.

The program will run 9 a.m. to noon weekdays from July 7 to Aug. 14. The program is open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Recreation Department also will run a tennis clinic during July.

For more information about the program, call 732-388-3009.

Outages planned for weekend

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Residents can expect controlled power outages in parts of the township Saturday morning and afternoon and again Tuesday morning.

The power loss won't be due to a storm, an accident or a faulty utility line. Instead, the outages are part of a system upgrade being performed by Public Service Electric and Gas Co.

"We are upgrading our facilities in the area," said Karen Johnson, a spokeswoman for PSE&G. "That makes it necessary for us to shut off power to some areas for brief times."

About 500 households or businesses will be affected by the power shut-down, which will be staggered into three separate blocks, from 7 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's not everybody," said Johnson. "It's those in the affected areas."

The outages won't even necessarily affect every home and business on the targeted streets, Clark police said.

Blood pressure, glucose screenings offered

The Clark Health Department in conjunction with Complete Care Medical Center of Scotch Plains, will offer free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings to Clark residents at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m. today.

Homes that will be affected by the power shut-down already have been notified through direct mailing; additionally, Johnson said, the electric utility has talked with businesses to ensure that the shut-down will not adversely affect their businesses at important times of the day or through essential equipment.

"The reason really, is to upgrade our system so it can handle today's electrical needs," said Johnson.

The Saturday morning outage will affect Westfield Avenue south of Kathryn Street, and on Kathryn, Washington, Stanton, Adams, Fan, Ivy and Joseph streets.

On Saturday afternoon, the outages will affect Madison Hill Road, Walter Drive, Shadow Lane, Lake Avenue and Raritan Road from Madison Hill Road to Lake Avenue.

The outages Tuesday morning will target Mildred and Brentwood terraces, Dorset Drive, Surrey Road, Devon Lane and Byron Place.

If weather prevents PSE&G from performing the upgrades on Saturday, the work will take place at the same time on June 28, regardless of the weather.

The rain date for Tuesday's work is Wednesday.

No appointment is necessary.

A two-hour fast is required for the blood sugar test.

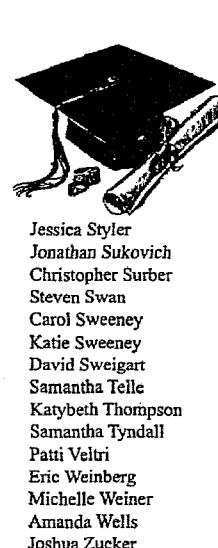
For more information, contact Health Officer Nancy Raymond at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

Congratulations to all our 2003 Graduating Seniors.

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EDITORIALS

In the loop

With work now under way to prepare a development master plan review, it's important that the township make the commitment right now to keep the public informed when those plans are submitted.

The current administration so far has had a decent record on openness, but there is room for improvement. While the administration has not flatly refused to release public documents and records, it hasn't exactly gone out of its way to increase public awareness either. Perhaps the most egregious example of this attitude is the recently approved development master plan. The master plan was kept on file in the Township Clerk's Office, but with the proviso that no copies be released.

The underlying motivation for this decision, stated several times by Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and by members of the Township Council, is that he wanted to keep rumor and innuendo from spreading and undermining the Planning Board's ability to process the plan. In a sense, that may be understandable, but it also indicates a profound distrust in the general public's ability to be a meaningful part of the governing process.

Defenders of this low-key approach consistently refer to the 2000 master plan proposal and the tremendous negative backlash from the public that ultimately sank the plan when it came time for a vote. Let rumor spread, and that will happen again.

But surely this misses the point. The reason hundreds of residents protested the master plan in 2000 wasn't because they were alarmed by rumors. It was because they were informed, knew what the master plan called for, and wanted to make sure their voices were heard, and that included Bonaccorso. That sort of civic responsibility is what our society is built upon, and it is something the administration should encourage, not dread.

That means keeping a copy on file at the Township Clerk's Office, but it also means making copies readily available to anyone who requests them, whether they work in the news media or live down the street, whether they're on the Planning Board, the Township Council or in another political party. It also should mean leaving a copy at Clark Public Library so people can review it there after the Municipal Building has closed.

On Monday evening, the Township Council approved paying planning consultants Heyer, Gruel and Associates \$2,500 to undertake a review of the master plan and provide more details on essential areas such as traffic and historic preservation. That money came from the taxpayers, and as soon as that study comes in, it's essential that the administration make it immediately available to the people who paid for it.

A new beginning?

What does it mean to be a Democrat? In last year's election locally as well as nationally, the answer seemed perfectly clear: Being a Democrat means you're not a Republican.

That's an identity crisis the Democratic leadership elected June 9 is going to have to resolve if it hopes to have a resurgence in political clout next year and begin recapturing some seats on the Township Council.

Nancy Sheridan, elected municipal party chairwoman to replace Carmine Giordano, named a number of areas where the current, Republican administration and council have failed to deliver the goods, from traffic and development to openness and adequate representation.

As ideas go, those are all fine and good, but what ultimately will make the difference for the chances of Democrats in the long term is whether the Democratic Party comes across as a party with ideas and the energy to bring them to fruition, or merely as a party that stands on the sidelines and criticizes.

That was one of the problems Clark Democrats faced during the 2002 council race, when campaign literature spent an inordinate effort criticizing Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, who was not running for re-election, and even made an issue about Business Administrator John Laizza and his inglorious departure from Cranford five years ago. Some literature that did focus on the council race was a little better, such as the flier for 2nd Ward candidate Paul Hadsall Jr. that depicted his Republican opponent as the devil.

Make no mistake: Clark needs its local Democratic Party, but what it needs is a local Democratic Party with vision and fresh ideas. Party leaders have just less than a year to find viable candidates and not much longer than that to develop a viable political platform that will attract voters with its innovations and not alienate them with stale rhetoric.

"Never let anyone keep you contained and never let anyone keep your voice silent."

—Adam Clayton Powell Jr., politician

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FATHER'S DAY — Robert Lidlow and his son Liam, 2½, share a little father-son time on the Funtime Junction sliding board by the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building. Now that's quality time for making memories.

Technology has changed work around house

There used to be quite a number of useful items back in the good old days that we thought might remain unchanged forever.

For some things we may have been right, for a hammer today is almost identical to one of 100 years ago, although if you wander through a modern hardware store you might be amazed at the variety of specialized hammers on the shelves.

Carpet tacks are still around, but a modern installer of carpets will usually use some sort of automatic nail gun. His grandfather had to place each tack into position and hammer it home by hand. The box that held the tacks claimed that the tacks were sterilized, because the user found it convenient to hold a number of tacks in his mouth for easy dispensing.

These days if a home project involves a gluing operation, a trip to the local hardware store may be necessary in order to purchase just the right glue for the job.

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If there was none left from some other job, he would place a sufficient amount of glue pellets in a discarded tin can, add a little water, and let it stand overnight.

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

When he was ready to use it, he put the can into a double boiler and heated it on the stove. In time, this would produce a sticky, syrupy mass and a slightly fishy odor, but it was an excellent glue.

It was also a quickly setting glue, for it remained usable only while it was hot. There was little time to make adjustments if the joining pieces were misaligned, so Father had to work rapidly.

There was at least one advantage with this hot glue. The unused portion could be left in the tin can until it was needed again, and it was a good as new when reheated in the double boiler. It is quite possible that Father would not have used a modern hot glue gun if he had had one.

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This glue was easy to make. All that was needed was some flour from the pantry, a little water and a container to hold the paste. A small dish could be used as the container, for the unused portion of the paste could be washed down the kitchen sink, and the dish returned to its normal use. If this mixture of flour and water were placed in a closed jar it might

remain usable for a couple of months, although sometimes it might get moldy.

It may seem difficult to imagine life without Scotch tape, but that very useful item has not been with us throughout history.

Years ago we did have a form of sticky tape that worked all right, but only because that 3M product had not been invented yet. The tape we had was a strip of tissue paper, coated on one side with a water-soluble glue.

Each piece had to be wetted in order to soften the glue, and the usual method was to lick it with your tongue and then press it into place. This method occasionally resulted in a paper cut on your tongue, not serious but annoying.

This tape had another disadvantage as it was not fully transparent, although words could be distinguished through it. There were some uses for it in mending torn pages in books, but only because we had nothing better. Cellophane tape was a tremendous improvement.

Cellophane itself was quite an improvement over other types of wrapping material.

We were familiar with an early form of plastic known as Celluloid that had an extensive use in making cheap toys and some household items, but this new, clear film had many more uses.

It could be used to wrap up all sorts of packages and held in place instantly with the new tape. It could be obtained in colors as well as clear film, making any gifts much prettier.

There were other things that are almost indispensable today that we did not have back in the good old days, and that was office equipment.

About the closest thing we had to a photocopier was a blueprint machine, and making blueprints was about all for which it was used.

We had typewriters, although they were not electric, and a key had to be struck for every mark to be made on the paper.

For multiple copies of a typewritten page we did have carbon paper that allowed us to make as many as three or four copies at one time.

It could be embarrassing and annoying, however, to finish typing a page and then find that the carbon paper had been inserted backwards, and all that we had were mirror images on the reverse of our pages.

We did have a couple of other methods of duplicating written work, but they were nothing like a modern copier.

There was the mimeograph machine, which could crank out page after page of copywork, but only as long as the stencil did not tear or wrinkle, or the tank ran out of ink. The quality of the reproduction rarely matched the original, and ink blots were common.

No tears have been shed because of that machine's absence from an office.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society and a frequent contributor to this paper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame gun makers for deaths

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to "The Problem Solver" column concerning gun manufacturers that appeared in your June 5 edition of *The Clark Eagle*.

Firearms are a lawfully manufactured product. To sue a manufacturer of a product because of misuse of that product is wrong and completely ridiculous. It is like holding a brewing company responsible if an underage person drinks their beer, gets drunk, gets in a car and kills someone. Why not also sue the car manufacturer?

The firearms business is among the most heavily regulated business in the nation today, not because their products are necessarily the most dangerous or unsafe, but because anti-gun faction in our nation today just hate guns, and will do anything they can to drive this once honorable and respected industry out of business.

The firearms industry is the most persecuted and vilified industry in the nation today, not because their products are necessarily the most dangerous or unsafe, but because anti-gun faction in our nation today just hate guns, and will do anything they can to drive this once honorable and respected industry out of business.

William Wolen
Clark

Kennedys were good to the disabled

To the Editor:

We who are disabled are grateful to our former late U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and his family. JFK was always kind to his disabled sister, Rosemary, escorting her to dances while they were young adults, and making her feel like a perfectly healthy girl.

JFK's sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and Sargent Shriver, started the Special Olympics. JFK's niece, Maria Shriver, who is a talented writer, wrote a compassionate book about a mentally challenged boy.

As a Cranford girl who had spent time in a special education class because of a slight learning disability in math, I'm personally grateful to the Kennedy

and Shriver families.

Martha McLoughlin
Cranford

Bill aims to reduce N.J. smog levels

To the Editor:

I know we have a serious problem with air pollution, whether we recognize it or not. In Union County, we have an average of 11 to 15 smog violation days a year in which it is literally unhealthy to go outside, particularly for those of us suffering from asthma or chronic lung disease. Most of this pollution comes from the cars we drive, so thankfully we have an opportunity to reverse this trend.

The Clean Cars Act would reduce smog levels in New Jersey by 19 percent by the year 2020, without tightening emissions standards or taking cars off the road. We can thank State Senator Tom Kean Jr. for being a strong supporter of this measure. We have until June 30 to pass the Clean Cars Act, when the legislature closes its current session. Unfortunately, the bill is bogged down in the Budget and Appropriations Committee, despite the fact that it won't cost the state a dime. Hopefully the rest of Senator Kean's colleagues will take the public's health seriously and move this bill closer to realization.

Timothy D. Hinkle
Summit

Our policy on letters and columns

The Clark Eagle welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

The Eagle reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor.

The Eagle accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083. Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Monday.

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EVENTS

Civic association plans bus trip to Atlantic City

The Clark Republican Civic Association is sponsoring a bus ride to Caesars Palace in Atlantic City on Sunday.

The bus will leave from Arthur L. Johnson High School parking lot at 9 a.m., depart Atlantic City at 5 p.m. and return to Clark at 7 p.m.

Reservations cost \$25 with a \$13 coin redemption at the casino. Light refreshments will be served on the bus.

Seating is limited. Call Sonny Brattolo at 732-381-0452.

Competitive soccer clinic offers chance to visit Italy

The Clark Soccer Club, in cooperation with Parma AC of the Italian First Division, will run a soccer camp at Arthur L. Johnson High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 to 18.

Only 100 players 7 to 14 years old will be accepted. The top player in the camp, chosen by the Parma coaches, will be sent to Italy to train with the appropriate Parma youth team.

A coach's clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19.

For more information call 732-396-4466.

ALJ Class of 1978 plans 25th-year reunion in Clark

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Class of 1978, will hold its 25-year reunion Oct. 17 to 19, with a series of five venues.

The three-day weekend will begin Oct. 17 morning with a golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains. The cost will be \$65 per person.

Spouses of alumni, friends and family members will be welcome to play. The cost will include golf carts and food that will be served at the beginning, after nine holes, and at the end of the outing.

Later on Friday evening, there will be a pre-reunion get-together at the Valley Mill Bar and Grill, inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road.

The official class reunion will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 18 in the Colonade Room of the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

Classmates should send details about their whereabouts and other classmates to Norm Marcocci, reunion chairman, 3000 Ford Road, Apt. L-10, Bristol, PA 19007.

Marcocci also can be contacted at 215-788-3504 or via e-mail at ALJ-ClassOf1978@yahoo.com.

Volunteer commended

Kevin Kurzweil, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson High School, recently received an award from the Union County Juvenile Officer's Association that included a Certificate of Merit and a U.S. Savings Bond. This award is given yearly to a senior who unselfishly has given time to the school or community and who exemplifies those qualities that best represent the values of the Juvenile Officers Association. Kurzweil is shown with Robert Sarnecki, who made the presentation.

EDUCATION**St. Agnes student poetry included in anthology**

Earlier this year, students from St. Agnes School entered a poetry contest for young poets from New Jersey.

Thirteen fifth-grade students and a fourth-grader were chosen to have their poems published in the upcoming "A Celebration of Young Poets" anthology.

Officials of Creative Communications Inc. of Logan, Utah, said the students and teachers of St. Agnes School should feel honored, as there

were thousands of entries in this contest and most are not invited to be published.

"The students who were accepted make a strong statement about St. Agnes School," Creative Communications said in a release about the selection. "Being published represents a lot of talent, hard work and dedication from the teachers and the students. Publishing the high merit poems from our contest creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today's students."

Hehnly School shows art done by its students

Its hallways displayed like a museum gallery, Frank K. Hehnly School hosted two art shows May 28 as students brought parents and friends to view and appreciate their works of art.

There were nearly 1,000 pieces of student artwork in the show. Every kindergarten through fifth-grade student was represented.

Noelle Salzano, Hehnly School's art teacher, has built the art program

by teaching about an artist every month. Art classes at Hehnly School are taught without the benefit of a central art room.

Students learned about multiple artists and the art show displayed themes from each one.

Student artwork represented the style and techniques of Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, Mary Cassatt, Pablo Picasso and Edward Hopper, as well as showing various projects about various color schemes.

OBITUARIES**Harold Morris Jr.**

Harold G. Morris Jr., 55, of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Clark, died June 7 in the Park West Hospital, Knoxville.

Born in Union, Mr. Morris lived in Clark before moving to Knoxville 25 years ago.

He spent more than 30 years in various financial management and executive posts, including senior auditor at Main LaFrentz & Co., Certified Public Accountants, New York City; controller/treasurer of the Chemical Separations Corp., Knoxville; group controller at Macawber Engineering, Maryville, Tenn.; controller/treasurer of W.J. Savage Co., Knoxville, and president of Tengasco Inc., Knoxville.

Mr. Morris was a business and accounting graduate of St. Peter's College, Jersey City. He also was a certified fraud examiner.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Dorothy; two sons, Robert and Tim; a daughter, Sara; his mother, Bernadine Morris; three sisters, Maureen Hudak, Carol Craig and Karen Petriko, and two brothers, Arthur and Don.

Catherine Bass

Catherine Bass, 92, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 8 at home.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., Mrs. Bass lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark 50 years ago.

She was a founding member of the First Assembly of God Church, Elizabeth.

Surviving are two daughters, Grace C. Shallo and Lois G. Kennedy; two sisters, Genevieve Carson and Stella Lewentowicz; a brother, John Jaremko; nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Beth Meltzer

Beth Meltzer, 57, of Clark, formerly of Union, died June 9 in Union Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Meltzer lived in Union before moving to Clark 34 years ago.

She was a financial processor with Prudential Financial, Edison, for 10 years.

Surviving are her husband, Alan; a son, Joshua, and a sister, Sandra Reidy.

Myrtle Savin

Myrtle Savin, 80, of Margate, Fla.,

formerly of Clark and Elizabeth, died June 10 in Northwest Medical Center, Margate.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Savin lived in Clark and Elizabeth before moving to Margate 15 years ago.

She was a member of the Deborah Foundation, Browns Mills.

Surviving are her husband, Morton; a daughter, Sandra; a son, David; a sister, Terri Jatlow, and two grandchildren.

Edmond Ficke Jr.

Edmond F. Ficke Jr., 73, of Clark died June 11 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Linden, Mr. Ficke lived in Roselle before moving to Clark 62 years ago.

He was a television technician at Corky's Television, Clark, for 30 years and retired in 1991.

Mr. Ficke was a veteran of the peacetime Army. He belonged to the American Legion Post 328 of Clark and the Mountainside Elks Lodge 1585.

Mr. Ficke also was a past trustee of the Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Nancy; three sons, David, Christopher and Glenn; two sisters, Betty

Waterson and Robin Scocca; a brother, Donald, and four grandchildren.

Thomas L. Reina

Thomas L. Reina, 66, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 12 in New York University Hospital, New York City.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Reina moved to Clark 38 years ago.

He was a hairdresser and the owner and operator of Shangri-La Beauty Salon in Clark and Innovations Salon in Garwood for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Lena; two sons, Charles and Thomas; a daughter, Linda Juzefyk; a sister, Sandy Bellomo, and four grandchildren.

Frank Cistaro Sr.

Frank J. Cistaro Sr., 85, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 12 in Kensington Court Assisted Living, Tinton Falls.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cistaro moved to Clark 53 years ago.

He was a machinist for Singer Manufacturing, Elizabeth, for more than 35 years before retiring many years ago.

Mr. Cistaro served as a master sergeant in the Army during World War II.

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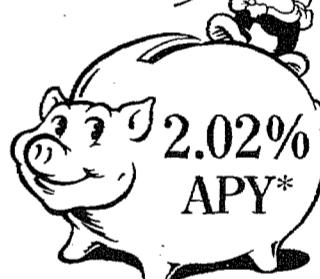
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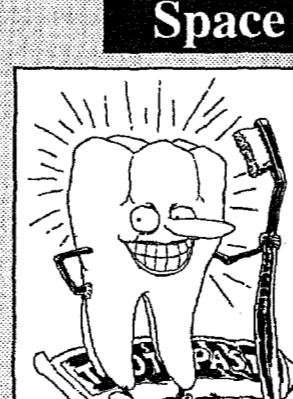
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STUDENT UPDATE

Dittmar and Sweeney graduate from Bowdoin

Bowdoin College awarded degrees to the following Cranford residents:

• Bethany Catherine Dittmar of Cranford was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. She graduated cum laude with a major in German. Her minor was in psychology. She received high honors in German.

In addition she received a Fullbright Teaching Fellowship in Germany.

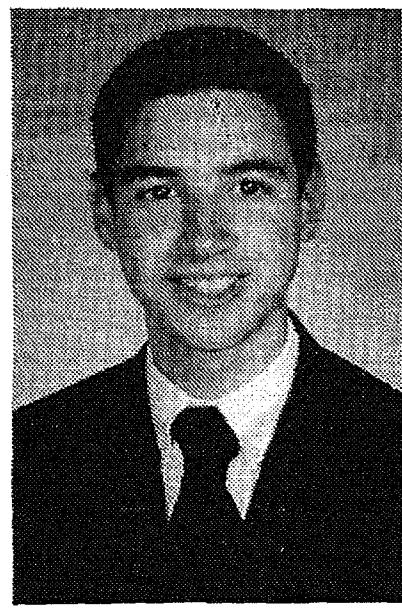
Dittmar is a graduate of Cranford High School.

• Edward Michael Sweeney Jr. was awarded a bachelor's degree. He graduated with a major in geology. His minor was in economics. He received honors in geology.

Sweeney is a graduate of Delbarton School.

Goldstein honored at U. of Delaware

Lauren E. Goldstein of Cranford was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, a



Brian M. Goldstein

national honor society for superior scholars from all colleges of University of Delaware.

Goldstein also received an Alumni

Honors Day Book Award. The award is given to a sophomore or junior in each college at the university who has a sincere desire for knowledge and has participated in extracurricular activities designed to help fellow students achieve academic success.

Welsh receives award for business management

Erin Welsh of Cranford, who was awarded a bachelor's degree during Providence College commencement ceremonies May 18 was recently honored for her academic achievements.

Welsh was the recipient of the Sovereign Bank of New England Award for Business Management. A management major, Welsh graduated with magna cum laude honors.

She was the president of the Board of Programmers at Providence College, and was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Tau Pi Phi business administration honor society. She will attend Seton Hall Law School.

Accounting scholarship awarded to Goldstein

Brian M. Goldstein, a resident of Cranford and a student at Cranford High School, recently was awarded an accounting scholarship of \$3,500 for four years or \$5,000 for five years from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, Union County chapter.

The scholarship was presented at the 43rd Annual NJSCPA Scholarships Awards Ceremony on April 3 at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, Iselin, where more than \$275,000 was awarded to 80 New Jersey high school and college students.

PTC awards scholarships to ten CHS graduates

The Cranford Parent Teacher Council has awarded its 2003 Ruth Janoviski Scholarship to Rachel Baker, Tara Brennan, Samantha Burns, Michael Dooley, Jennifer Nist, Michael Polidoro, Dennis Rasmussen, Sergio Sciancalepore, Adam

Swier and Julian Williams.

Awards were announced at the senior awards night June 3 at Cranford High School. The scholarships, worth \$8,000, were awarded based on financial need to 10 Cranford High School seniors attending an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made by sending a check to Cranford Parent Teacher Council, 132 Thomas St., Cranford, NJ 07016. An acknowledgement card is sent to the honoree or their family.

NJIT dean's list

New Jersey Institute of Technology recently named two Cranford undergraduate students, Lisa Kardos and Matthew Venditti, to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester.

To be named to the dean's list at NJIT, students must be matriculated in an academic program; have completed 12 or more credits; and maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0.

They also must have received no incomplete grades or any grades lower than a C.

VIA plans garage sale to aid Canine Companions

The General Federation of Women's Club Cranford Village Improvement Association will hold a garage sale Sept. 13 at the home of GFWC Cranford VIA President Marge Bowman. Funds raised have been earmarked for Canine Companions for Independence.

An installation pot luck dinner will be held Tuesday at the home of Elaine Hamilton for the induction of new members.

For more information about the Cranford VIA's evening meetings held the fourth Tuesday of every month, contact Hamilton at 908-272-1022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was adopted and approved at final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on June 6, 2003.

ORDINANCE 03-22 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR OUTSIDE POLICE DETAILS UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT Kathleen Leonard Township Clerk U7352 CCE June 19, 2003 (\$7.44)

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved at final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on June 16, 2003.

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SPORTS

Cranford Colts booters improve record to 5-1-2

The Cranford Colts 10-and-under girls' traveling soccer team did well to defeat New Brunswick 3-1.

With the victory, Cranford improved its record to 5-1-2.

Emily Baumann played excellent in goal, while Sarah Gugliucci, Kimberly LaFronz, Sarah Quinn and Nicole Somma excelled on defense.

Rebecca Shafer, Julie Langone, Colleen Jones, Natalie Englese, Kelly O'Dowd, Alexia Preucil, Kellie Campbell and Nicole Kleiman played well on offense. Who scored the goals was not reported.

Kelly Miller missed the game due to a family commitment.

Kowals, Connexion both have just one blemish

The following are Clark Men's Softball League standings as of June 13:

1. Doral/Butch Kowals (10-1)
2. Arena Sports Connexion (8-1)
3. Wrays Diggers (10-4)
4. Sutton Trucking (7-3)
5. Clark Circle Liquors (6-3)
6. Georges Catch 27 (6-6)
7. Team Cingular (4-5)
8. Ironbound Heating (3-6)
9. Oakes Deli & Grille (4-8)
10. Advanced Home Wiring (3-8)
11. Breeze Eastern (2-10)
12. Premier Q. Electric (2-11)

Soccer camp in Cranford the week of July 14-18

The Cranford Soccer Club is sponsoring a soccer camp July 14-18, which uses the Coerver Method, acclaimed to be the world's finest soccer skills teaching method.

Call Bob Cashill at 908-755-9696 for more information.

Hoop camp has 2 weeks

Roselle Catholic's All-County Basketball Camp is gearing up for its 21st season.

The first week is June 23-27 and the second July 7-11, both from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school on Raritan Road in Roselle.

Camp directors Pat Hagan and Joe Skrec are both back at the helm, ready to instill basketball fundamentals into the youngsters players in the area.

The camp is open to boys and girls, ages 8 to 16, who can choose to attend one or both weeks.

Roselle Catholic is home to one of the finest gymnasiums in the state, with both indoor and outdoor courts utilized for camp.

Because of their long association with high school ball, Hagan and Skrec are firm believers in emphasizing the basics of the game.

The camp stresses dribbling, shooting and passing, as well as the importance of team play.

Good sportsmanship is always a priority, in every aspect of the camp schedule. Campers are grouped according to age, physical maturity and overall ability.

The typical camp day includes individual instruction, station drills, foul shooting, one-on-one play, as well as full games.

Because the student-to-staff ratio is purposely kept low for more individualized instruction, prospective campers are encouraged to get their registrations in early, to avoid being put on the waiting list.

Brochures and registration forms may be obtained by calling 908-245-2350 or 908-241-3657.

Softball tourney July 18-20

Teams and sponsors are sought for the third annual Anthony Signorello Memorial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, which is July 18, 19 and 20.

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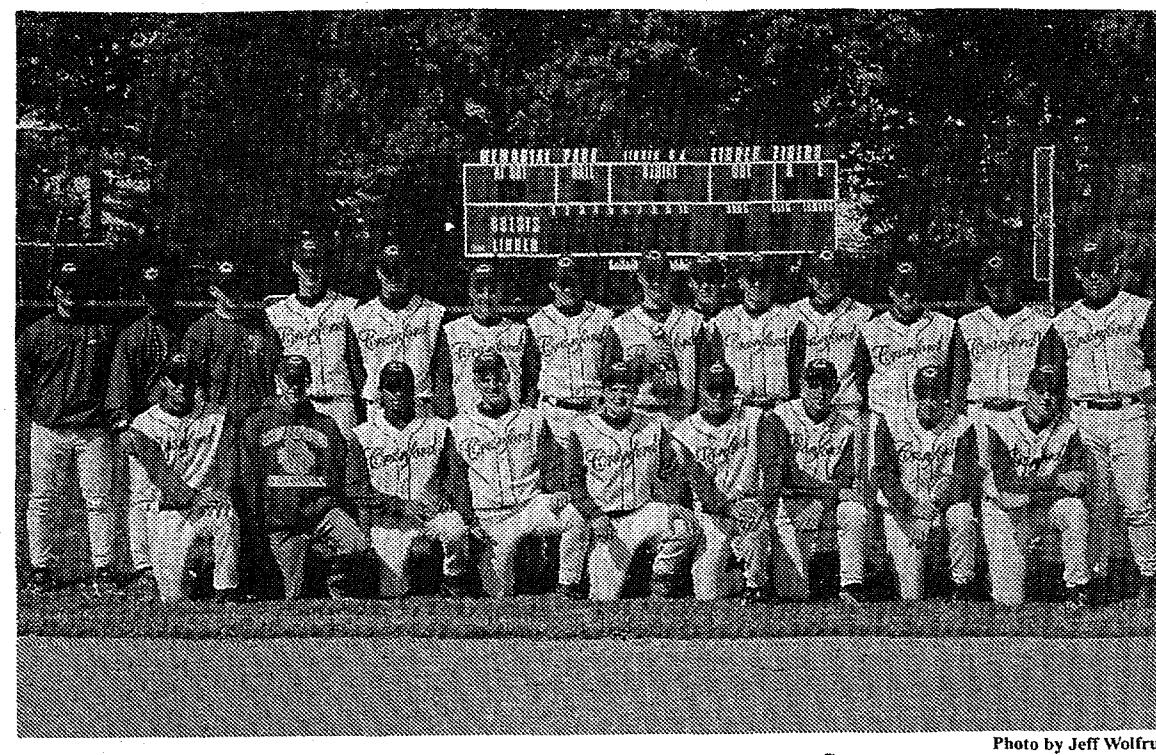


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The Cranford High School baseball team proved to be the best in Union County again and one of the best in the state as well, reaching the Group 3 final for the third time since 1997. The Cougars finished 19-8 and did well to bounce back from an uncharacteristic 10-13 finish last season. Cranford captured its fourth UCT championship in the past five seasons and won North 2, Group 3 for the fourth time since winning all of Group 3 in 1997.

A season to remember for Johnson boys' lacrosse

Nolan, Megill honored for outstanding play

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

A season to remember.

That's what this past campaign was for Kevin Nolan and the Johnson High School boys' lacrosse team.

Nolan finished the season by becoming the state's second all-time leading scorer behind former Johnson standout Matt Poskay.

Nolan's steady play throughout the year helped the Crusaders finish with a mark of 11-7.

Johnson's season came to an end on May 23 when it dropped a 14-6 decision to Christian Brothers Academy in Linercraft in the second round of the NJSIAA/PSEG Tournament.

In first-round play on May 22, Johnson defeated visiting New Providence 15-8. Bryan Klimchak led the attack with five goals and two assists, while Wayne Giampino added four goals to build a 15-5 lead after three quarters.

Johnson participated in the first-ever Union County Tournament and reached the semifinals before falling to eventual winner Summit 14-3 on May 19 at Kean University in Union. Klimchak led the Crusaders with two goals.

A memorable moment took place on May 15 as Nolan recorded six goals and five assists in a 16-8 victory at Clifton to move into second place behind Poskay on the state's all-time scoring list. The senior attackman passed the mark of 383 points established by Whithey Hayes of Princeton. Nolan had 396 points up to that date. Poskay holds the record with 362 goals and 106 assists for 468 points.

The day after, Johnson dropped a 10-8 decision at Morristown-Beard to bring its record to 10-5.

After starting the season with a 14-7 loss to visiting Westfield on April 1, Johnson responded by winning two of its next three contests to even its record at 2-2.

The last win in that stretch came in a 10-4 triumph at North Hunterdon on April 19. Nick Manginelli scored five goals and Nolan contributed two goals and four assists.

Two days later, the Crusaders lost a hard-fought 4-3 decision to visiting Chatham. Giampino found the net twice, while Scott Kozachek had the other goal. Nolan chipped in with two assists, while goalkeeper Tom Sousa made 12 saves.

Johnson then won four straight to bring its record to 6-3. The third victory in that run was another highlight in Nolan's career as he scored three goals and dished out five assists in a 13-2 home win over Millburn on April 28. Nolan became the state's all-time assist leader.

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Only 100 players will be accepted to the camp, which is open to boys and girls ages 7-14.

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A coaches clinic will be held on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the top players from the camp will be used to demonstrate all drills.

More information may be obtained by calling 732-396-4466 or 732-371-6797.

Camp information may also be found on the website of www.ital-camp.com.

CRANFORD BASKETBALL

The Cranford PAL 2003 Cougar Girls Basketball Camp, under the direction of Cranford High School girls' basketball coach Brian Chapman, is July 14-18 at Cranford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is for girls entering grades 3-9.

More information or a camp brochure may be obtained by calling Chapman at 908-709-6223 or 908-553-0687.

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The 8th annual Indians Basketball Camp is now accepting registrations for its four weeks of summer basketball camp. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 2 through 10 and will be held at Rahway High School.

The camp is open to youngsters who reside outside of Rahway as well.

Boys & Girls Club has forum July 11

Free event intended for area youth participating in sports

In celebration of the 2003 WNBA All-Star Game, The Boys & Girls Club of Union County and KD Communications Group present The Game - On & Off The Court, a grass-roots educational sports forum, July 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Union County.

The educational forum is a free event intended for area youth participating in sports in Union County.

Young people will join current WNBA players, sports professionals, sports columnists and sportscasters in exciting dialogue about The Game - On & Off The Court.

Frank discussions on topics such as, "The urban market and the influences it has had on the GAME," "Why are professional athletes' heroic figures in the eyes of the youth around the work?" and "What responsibility do athletes have to the youth, if any?"

"We are excited to host this educational event with KD Communications Group," said Mario Genovese, Director of the Boys & Girls Club in Union County. "This program has the purpose and intent to educate and engage its attendees 'up close and personal' by allowing the young people an opportunity to interact with invited WNBA players as well as the 'players' behind the scene."

Panelists include: Wendi Huntley, Attorney, Spec Group Ltd; Pamela Frazier, Casting Director, Classic Entertainment; Rodney Washington, VP of Investments/NFL Players Association Financial Advisor, USPaine Weber; Kim Culligan, Associate Director of Athletics, Kean University; Ron Farina, swimming and diving coach, Seton Hall University; Mike Smart, head track and field coach, Essex County College; Tracey Martin, Physical Trainer, Wurk It Fitness; Otis Livingston, Sports Anchor, NBC 4; Leigh Purcell, Agent Advisor, Sport Management Worldwide.

"Our motivation is to simply expose to the area youth the multiple career options and opportunities available to them - within the sports industry," said Dawn A. Jones, partner with KD Communications Group. "We will also discuss other options and careers that are within arms reach of the GAME even if you are not an athlete, since, statistically, only two percent of hopeful athletes actually become professional ballplayers," said Kellie Dutton, partner with KD Communications Group.

KD Communications Group is a public relations, event management and speaker placement firm based in Philadelphia, Pa. with offices in Dover, Del. and Gaithersburg, Md.

A limited amount of tickets are available for Boys & Girls Club members.

More information about The Game - On & Off The Court or upcoming events may be obtained by calling the KD Communications Group at 215-729-8718 or by visiting its website at: www.kdcomm.com.

Dayton, Ridge golf teams win MVC championships

Brearley's Partelow and Johnson's Yesinko capture individual crowns

Union County area golfers from Brearley, Dayton, Johnson, Governor Livingston and Oratory Prep excelled at last month's Mountain Valley Conference championships.

Both were contested at the Warren Brook Golf Course in Warren, the Valley Division on May 27 and the Mountain Division on May 28.

Dayton won the Valley team title with a score of 386.

Brearley's Barry Partelow won the individual crown with a score of 81 on the 6,074-yard course.

Teams: 1-Dayton 386. 2-Brearley 392. 3-Union Catholic 423. 4-Roselle Park 452. 5-Roselle 523.

Individuals: 1-Barry Partelow, Brearley, 81. 2-Ross Kravetz, Dayton, 89. 3-Mike Tiss, Dayton, 92. 4-Kevin DelMauro, Union Catholic, 93. 5-Anthony LaBruno, Brearley 94. 6-Adam Sherman, Dayton, 99.

Ridge won the Mountain team title with a score of 318.

Johnson sophomore Dan Yesinko won the individual crown with a score of 76.

Teams: 1-Ridge 318. 2-Immaculata 332. 3-Oratory Prep 336. 4-Johnson 337. 5-Governor Livingston 358. 6-New Providence 377. 7-North Plainfield 382.

Individuals: 1-Dan Yesinko, Johnson, 76. 2-Kevin Foley, Immaculata and Lauren Braswell, Ridge, 77. 3-Steve Foley, Immaculata; Ken Suarez, Oratory and Brian Leveille, Ridge, 78. 4-Steve Suarez, Oratory and David Chung, GL, 79. 5-Marc Baecht, Ridge, 80. 6-Tom Hill, Johnson, 81.

Outstanding Chung leads Union County in Freedom Cup: Chung was named Outstanding Golfer in leading Union County to an 8-4 victory over the Greater Middlesex Conference in last month's annual Freedom Cup matches at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Chung, runner-up at the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions on May 19, teamed with Jack Davis of Scotch Plains to win alternate shot match and with Partelow to win a better-ball match. Chung also defeated Justin Rohrig of Monroe, 3 and 2, in match play.

Partelow and Ryan Shallcross, who helped Westfield win the team title at the Tournament of Champions, each had a hand in two victories for Union County.

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Sessions include Week One: June 23-27, Week Two: July 7-11, Week Three: July 21-25 and Week Four: July 28-Aug. 1.

Indians Basketball Camp has quickly grown in popularity.

The quality instruction each child receives comes from successful high school coaches who stress the fundamentals of the game, while at the same time ensure each camper has fun.

The camp revolves around non-stop basketball, which every camper participates in. If a camper isn't being instructed on all aspects of the game, he or she is in a competition or bas-

ketball activity. Sitting and non-activity or not options.

Rahway athletic director Tom Lewis and assistant athletic director John Petela, both former Rahway head coaches, are the camp directors. Their staff boasts of high school coaches who know the game and know how to teach the game.

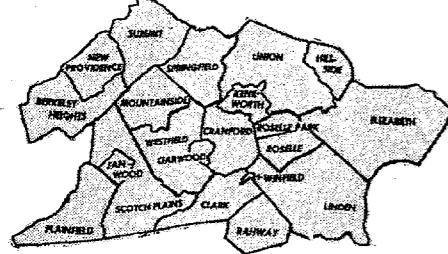
The fee for one week is \$130, for two \$220, for three \$310 and for four \$400. Each camper will receive an Indians Basketball Camp T-Shirt.

More information may be obtained by calling Lewis at 732-396-1101.

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Immediate problems

A long time ago, as a young councilman in Roselle Park the toilet in my little apartment overflowed. Immediately calling my friend the plumber, he stunned me saying, "I'd love to help you, but as a local plumbing inspector, it may be wrong for me to do the work."

My response was quick and pointed, "Stop the flooding, we will worry about the legalities later."

Left Out

By Frank Capice

Another guy who faced an immediate problem was Congressman Michael Ferguson. Three years ago, as he faced a stiffer-than-expected challenge from Democrat Maryann Connelly, Ferguson relied on a \$525,000 loan from his parents.

Not a bad situation to have a family who can cough up that kind of dough. In fact, of the \$2.4 million he spent in the campaign, \$878,000 came from Ferguson and his family.

Last week the Federal Election Commission got around to ruling on a complaint filed by the state Democratic Party, that the loan from his family trust was an illegal campaign contribution. Obviously serious, they hit Ferguson with a whopping \$210,000 fine.

The vote was 4-2 with Commissioner Bradley Smith leading the opposition. Smith's own appointment to the agency had been a major struggle between Democrats in the Senate and President George W. Bush.

The congressional bid was the second for Ferguson. Two years earlier he was defeated handily by incumbent Frank Pallone Jr. Ferguson then moved to the Union County district, where he defeated another lad of means, Thomas Kean Jr., in the primary. Kean had moved from Massachusetts to run for the seat. The pressure on Ferguson to win was clear.

Former State Democratic Chairman Thomas Giblin went so far as to claim that but for the illegal contribution, Ferguson would have lost to Connelly. That may be even worse, if the money can be so decisive in winning an open Congressional seat.

It should be hard for Democrats to complain about buying a seat. That same year Jon Corzine spent \$70 million in his successful effort to capture a U.S. Senate seat.

The legal difference is that under federal rules, you can spend unlimited funds of your own money, but if the money in big amounts comes from your parents that becomes a violation.

Look at poor John Kerry, the senator running for president. His wife, the heir to the Heinz ketchup fortune, can only give small amounts to support her husband's efforts.

It seems an unfair distinction. It leaves me supporting the argument of conservative columnist George See CONGRESSMAN, Page B2

Bush pushes for tax cuts

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush stopped by New Jersey earlier this week where he toured a pasta factory in Orange and made a speech in Elizabeth on the importance of small businesses.

"In order for our economy to recover, we must remember the strength and importance of the small business owner in America," Bush said.

Air Force One arrived at Newark International Airport at 9:55 a.m. on Monday. From there, the president traveled to Andrea Foods, a pasta factory in Orange. After touring the facility, Bush arrived at the Wyndham Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth and delivered a short speech, emphasizing how important small businesses are to the economy.

"I just came from Orange, New Jersey and I went by the Andrea Food pasta factory," said Bush.

The president said he was struck by the diversity in Orange. "I saw a lot of nationalities as I drove through."

Youth is served

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Guests seat themselves at cafeteria tables. Students serve brightly decorated bowls. But the bowls are empty.

The purpose of the Empty Soup Dinner, planned for next year, is to emphasize the need for volunteers at homeless shelters.

"We want them to go home hungry to see how other people feel," said Jessica Hogan, president of Youth for United Way.

Youth for United Way is a volunteer program at Linden High School. Approximately 20 students, advised by teacher Esther Paden, collaborate with United Way of Greater Union County on community service activities.

The students got the idea for the

Bush spoke about his new tax relief plan, saying that under the plan all Americans will have more money in their pockets, encouraging businesses to make more investments and showing investors that Americans want to invest more.

"The money we spend in Washington is not the government's money," said Bush. "When you get some money in your pockets you're going to demand a good or a service and when you demand a good or a service in this economy, somebody is going to meet that demand."

Some of the aspects of Bush's tax relief plan include replacing the current tax rates of 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent with a simplified rate structure of 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent; doubling the child tax credit to \$1,000 per child; reducing the marriage penalty by reinstating the 10 percent deduction for two-earner couples, and eliminating the death tax.

The unemployment rate will drop under the tax relief plan, Bush explained, because small businesses will have more money to invest and spend, creating additional jobs.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kean instructor finds works of art in nature

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Some of the most unusual and primitive materials included in the sculpture exhibit, "Collections," by Jannie King-Black, have become second nature to her through the years.

King-Black, a professor at Kean University in Union, is currently having her works exhibited at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange.

King-Black, who utilizes natural elements in her sculptures, especially vine and bark that she collects from behind her house in Brockport, N.Y., is one of four sculptors exhibiting works at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange, formerly the Gallery of South Orange, through July 13. The exhibit is called "Elements Unearthed: Four Sculptors," and the other three sculptors featured are Ruth Hardinger, Linda Brooks Hirschman and Barbara Liotta. All have worked with various organic elements with different perspectives. The common elements are "the forces of nature, fragility, strength and weakness, and the use of natural materials."

King-Black, who is a professor of fine arts at Kean University in the fiber area, explained during a recent chat that "my work is constructed of grape vine bark and wax, fiber, wood, wire and other material. There are a lot of individual pieces, about 500, and they cover two walls at the gallery. They are mixed media sculptural installations. The elements are constructed in various fiber techniques of different materials. Each piece," she said, "is an icon or representative symbol. As a group, the installation becomes a single narrative with references to basketry, mask making, the figure and ritual."

King-Black said in her statement to the gallery, "The concepts behind my work are personal. I do expect my work to speak about nature, metamorphosis, loss and the handmade object."

She mentioned that this is the sort of thing she teaches three days a week at Kean University. "I teach textiles, fibers, introduction to art." King-Black has also taught at other colleges and has exhibited her works in many major galleries. "One of my collectors," she mused, "called me the resident nomad. And the reason for this is that I've lived in so many places, including Argentina, as a child, and Mexico."

King-Black, who was born in Detroit, moved with her parents "every two years. And even as a child, I made art sculptures, and I was always painting and drawing. We lived in Saltillo, Coahuila in Mexico. They have weaving factories where they make serapes, fabric that people use for floor rugs and Navajo blankets. They are very popular right now."

"I am interested in weaving," she said, "and all my work in the gallery comes from the land. I live in Brockport, where there is a lot of land, and the grape vines wind in the woods around the trees. They are parasites and will kill the trees if you don't cut them, I cut them and use them for sculptures. Actually, the trees in the woods are being taken over by the wild grapevines like kudzu in the deep south. I collect vine and bark, harvesting them all year, to use in my sculptures and installations. The large three-dimensional forms refer to boats, beds and nest-like baskets. These are vessels used by many cultures from birth to death. Rural wild spaces like the woods and farmland in my town are endangered by urban sprawl. This is not unique to upstate New York but the area like most undeveloped land in this country is certainly threatened."

She recalled that she lived in Argentina as a child "with my parents. I would love to go back, but I don't know if I will. I learned to speak Spanish and at Kean, I get to practice it a little bit. When I was in Mexico, I studied drawing and painting at Ateneo Fuente, Universidad de Coahuila in Saltillo, from which I was graduated. My Latin-American experiences continue to influence my



Jannie King-Black uses a loom to weave items found in nature, creating works of art. The Kean University instructor's work is currently on exhibit at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange.

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She received an MFA from Syracuse University, where she majored in fibers with emphasis in sculpture, and she also graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, where she majored in textile design and received a BFA. King-Black majored in visual art at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, where she was graduated.

King-Black admitted that she is happy that "the gallery was nice enough to show my work. It's always difficult to talk about artwork unless I'm partial to it."

She said that "the sources of ritual art in so-called 'primitive' cultures have always interested me. My respect for ancient artifacts stems from the spiritual in the objects themselves."

King-Black plans to participate in the faculty show at Kean this fall. "Right now," she said, "I'm busy at the Pierro Gallery. But I'm looking forward to the show and the many other exhibitions in the future."

For information on "Elements Unearthed: Four Sculptors" at the Pierro Gallery in South Orange, call 973-378-7754. The Pierro Gallery is located in the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead St., South Orange. Exhibit runs through July 13.

High schools' 'stars' honored by Paper Mill

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

The awards may be called the Rising Stars, but on June 12 at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, it was the south that rose again.

Cherry Hill High School East walked away with five awards for its production of "Les Miserables," including Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical.

The awards program, administered by Paper Mill's Education Department, honors the work done by New Jersey high schools in the area of producing musical theater. This year's ceremony marked the eighth annual awards, with a record 117 high schools participating in the program, according to Paper Mill Director of Education Susan Speidel.

The Rising Star Awards were the first program in the nation, instituted by a professional theater, to honor high school musicals across the state. In her welcoming comments, Speidel said that seven other awards programs across the country have used the Rising Stars as a model for similar awards.

"It's nice when your efforts win a prize," Speidel said from the stage, "but what's most important is that you had an impact, you shared part of yourself, you told a story, and you gave the gift of live theater to your audiences."

Cherry Hill East was among the first high schools to produce a scaled-down version of the long-running Broadway hit, a version prepared by the show's creators for school productions prior to the musical's closing May 18. In addition to the award for Best Musical, "Les Miserables" was honored with Outstanding Leading Actor for Robert J. Weaver, who played Jean Valjean; Outstanding Direction for Robert D. Nation; and Outstanding Child Actor for Matthew Bennett, who played the doomed Gavroche. Stage Manager Tim Barnes was among the 11 teenagers to receive Student Achievement Awards.

With the remainder of the awards fairly evenly spread out across the Garden State, several area high schools received honors.

Union County high schools picked up five awards, with Nicole Caliendo from Livingston High School the lone Essex County honoree. Caliendo received a Student Achievement Award for her work as stage crew chief on "Once Upon a Mattress."

In Union County, Rahway High School's Alison Dooley was honored for her choreography on "Crazy for You."

"I'm speechless," she enthused after the show. "I'm thankful. I'm proud of our students. I'm really proud that they raised the bar."

The fairy tale sets for "Into the Woods" at Union High School earned Peter Avagliano the award for set design. Believing that he was part of a team, he pointed out that the award will reside at the school.

"Every show is a collaborative effort. My job would not be possible without everybody else that's involved," he said. "The students, the teachers, everybody who made it possible — this is their award."

Also honored from Union County were Allina Carrera, Best Supporting Actress for her work in Elizabeth High School's "Babes in Arms;" The Waiters from New Providence's "Helly, Dolly!" Best Ensemble Group, and Student Achievement Award recipient Doug Chananie, honored for his work as scenic carpenter on Westfield High School's "The Pirates of Penzance."

The awards, engraved crystal stars, were provided by Tiffany and Co.

In addition to awards, the program provides scholarships to students intending to continue their theatrical education at college. Loukas J. Flamos of Gov. Livingston High School was among the five recipients. In accepting the award, he thanked Paper Mill for honoring "a techie."

State Opera Co. honors rising talent at annual aria competition

By Astera Argyris
Correspondent

A young man and two young women sang for their future on the afternoon of June 8 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theater.

They were already winners, being the final three chosen by the New Jersey State Opera's International Vocal Talent Competition. They had undergone months of competing with hundreds of international aspiring opera stars to reach this point. Then at the final competition, they each sang his or her best aria and hoped for the best. But first they had to wait through the special concert by famed Russian diva, Olga Romanko. It would hardly be surprising if the young women sopranos felt slightly nervous when this renowned soprano got applause after applause for singing some of the most famous soprano arias in opera. But they and the tenor had been through so many tension-filled pre-

liminaries and semi-finals to reach this point that when it came time for the three finalists to sing, they all rose to the moment in grand style. After that, they had to wait through the intermission, during which the judges met to vote for the ultimate winner and the runners up. The principle judge was Maestro Alfredo Silipigni, artistic director and conductor of the New Jersey State Opera. Other judges were a talent agent and members of New Jersey State Opera. This competition also included two opera legends, Licia Albanese and Anna Moffo as judges and advisors.

As everyone retook their seats, the announcement was finally made. The moment was one of glory for first-place winner, Elgiss Gutierrez, from Cuba and now Philadelphia, who has sung Bellini's "Qui la voce." Clearly, the audience's favorite, she had received quite an ovation for her strong vibrant voice. In a dramatic red gown and matching shawl with fringes, she made an impressive

appearance. She was all smiles when presented with her award from the Puccini Foundation of \$3,000. Second place went to Leonardo Capalbo from Nutley, who was also a crowd-pleaser for his rendition of Verdi's "La mia letizia infondere." He received the Panasonic/Mishushita Electric Corp. Award of \$2,500. The third-place award, or the New Jersey State Opera Board Award, of \$1,500 went to Russia's Yana Entinova who had beautifully sung the difficult aria, Gounod's "Jewel Song." It was presented by Anthony Boccabella, president of NJSO Board.

When the applause died down and the young talents left the stage, bowing graciously, the drama of the afternoon was over. But not the great music.

For then Olga Romanko returned to dazzle the audience with some of the most familiar and beloved opera arias including, "Aria di Micaela" from Bizet's "Carmen," and "Tu che di gel sei cinta" from Puccini's

"Turandot." The high point was her emotional singing of "Visi d'arte" from Puccini's "Tosca." Romanko had starred in the New Jersey's State Opera's "Tosca" three years ago, and she lived up to expectations. However, the most bravos and applause came for her encore of "O Sole Mio." Although Romanko is Russian, she sang that Italian street song with pure Italian vivacity. For his smooth professional accompaniment throughout, David Maiullo deserved high praise.

A special salute has to go to the New Jersey State Opera for continuing this International Talent Competition.

They began it in 1976 and through the years have encouraged countless singers, many eventually singing with major opera companies, including the New Jersey State Opera.

Silipigni, the conductor and artistic director of the NJSO, during the preliminaries had commented that he was particularly pleased by the artistic level of the contestants. After the competition, when asked how dif-

icult it was for the judges to make the final decision while the audience waited, he said that it was satisfying to find they were all of one mind on the placement. "Nevertheless," he added, "all three are winners for their talents and personalities. I see futures for all of them." In his speech to the audience, he made the point that in Europe young singers receive support from opera companies because the companies are state-subsidized. Here, it is left to the opera companies to do all they can on their own — such as the NJSO's sponsoring competitions like this one to encourage the opera stars of tomorrow. As well as Silipigni, credit also goes to Barbara Burke, the director of this vocal competition.

The audience was enthusiastic about the future of these new stars and having the opportunity to witness a reigning star, Olga Romanko, at her best and most gracious. Romanko contributed her time to help increase the prize money for the stars-to-be.

All in all, it was a very successful



Leonardo Capalbo

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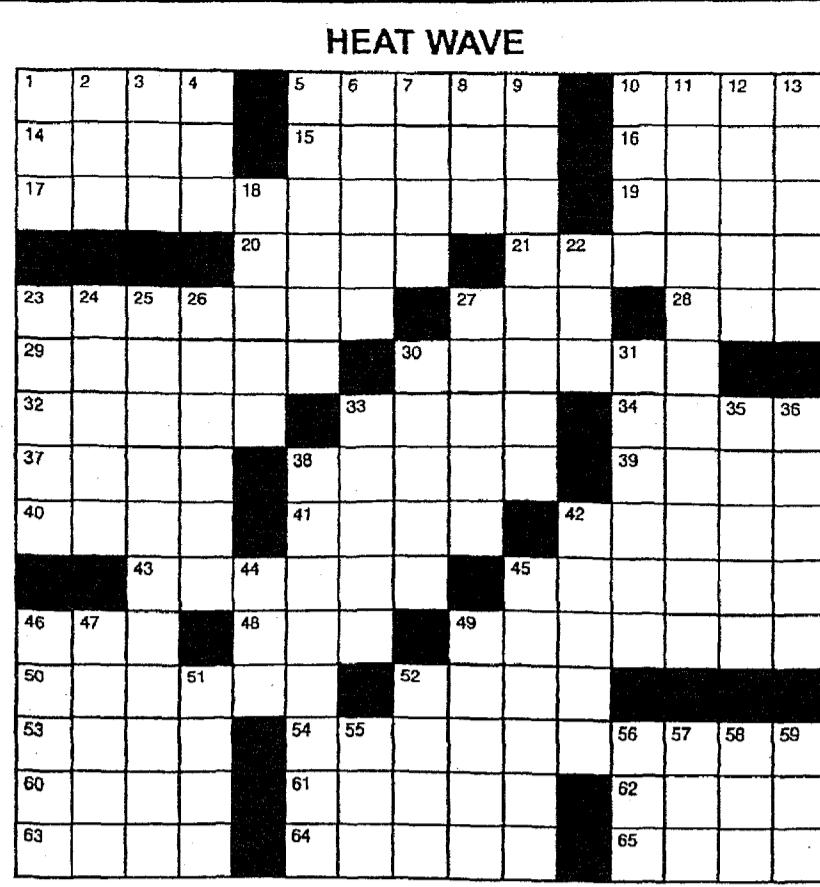
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First up is TheaterWorksUSA's "The Summer of Swans," a new play based on Newberry Medal-winning book by Betsy Byars. Then there's The Studio Museum in Harlem's "Words in Motion" DJ Dance Party. That is followed by the fourth annual Hip-Hop Theater Festival, which will descend on New York City, and High 5 will offer \$5 tickets to most of its original plays and performances, with special Teen Scene opportunities at their events — stories that celebrate the language and culture of the hip-hop generation.

Teens can also catch the jumping jazz at the JVC Jazz Festival, featuring famed jazz performers like Chick Corea, the Ornette Coleman Trio and Spike Lee's film

composer, trumpeter Terence Blanchard. More into operatic arias? High 5 can get teen-agers into New York City Opera's productions of "Carmen" and "Madame Butterfly," as well as the Jean Cocteau Rep's production of "The Threepenny Opera." Get a taste of Shakespeare at this summer's the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey; visit MoMA at its new temporary space in Queens; or see the latest in dance at Dance Theater Workshop, Dance Theater of Harlem and the New York City Ballet.

High 5 even has a listing of fun — and free — events that are going on About Town.

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Teachers, parents, student leaders and mentors can also use High 5's Take 5 program, which enables small groups of students to attend events. With Take 5, six tickets cost \$25, with no purchase limit, including adult chaperones.

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June 23-29

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time to rest and recuperate this week. Sever ties to an emotionally draining relationship and recharge your battery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Various opportunities are unveiled through a network of friends and associates. Pay attention and act quickly to claim them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Continue your climb up the ladder of success. A

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): An open mind is rewarded. Discover a new and fascinating world just beyond your scope of reality. Learn through study or travel.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A celestial event indicates success in romance or finance this week. Make sure you are in the right place at the right time and play to win.

If your birthday is this week, it's time to stop procrastinating, get off the sidelines and get into living life to the fullest. Several new starts are indicated and ambition runs high during

the coming year. Your thoughts and emotions will reach a new level of intensity. Keep on your toes and be ready to open the door and run through when opportunity knocks.

Also born this week: Johannes Gutenberg, Alfred Kinsey, Bob Fosse, Jack Dempsey, Mick Fleetwood, George Orwell, Carly Simon, Abner Doubleday, Peter Lorre, Helen Keller, Julia Duffy, Mel Brooks, Kathy Bates and Gary Busey.

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June 19th, 2003

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Dexter's show has power, tenderness

Life is a Cabaret

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

Baby Jane Dexter

lyrics somewhat unresolved. The result was an emotional tension that underscored the song's longing and effectively furthered the composer's intention.

Dexter's patter between songs was more a stream-of-consciousness monologue rather than an over-rehearsed and insincere exposition. Pausing in her prepared comments, she fanned herself with a patron's program; bantered with Lola, a woman in the audience; elicited groans at the mention of reality TV, and mused on having seen a homeless man in a cardboard box talking on a cell phone. The lack of over-preparedness brought a freshness to the show, though at times Dexter did ramble off track.

However, it was the vocals that defined the evening and showcased the dynamic Dexter's considerable abilities. The vocalist made excellent use of spoke-song on "Razor," and offset the richness of her lower range with a decided "ping" in the treble on "Takin' a Chance on Love," on which she took quite a few jazzy liberties without sacrificing the dramatic integrity of the lyrics.

While "Dayton, Ohio" was a gentle tune that nicely showcased Dexter's rich lower register, "Souvenirs" was a rockin' number that allowed the vocalist to cut loose with her considerable talents and high-octane energy.

While Dexter's low-alto voice is in the same register as that of a male baritone, her lighter head voice was put to excellently effective use on "Everything That Touches Me," which she performed with a sweet tenderness.

Dexter's avoidance of overstating the chromatics in "Night and Day" gave the Cole Porter standard a new life, as did the arrangement which ended — rather than began — with the verse, leaving both the music and

the syncopated, improvisational piano break in "Spinning Wheel."

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Kean's 'Laramie' is 'ground-breaking theater'

On The Boards

By Brian Pedersen

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In between these two captivating images is a diverse cast that brings to life an ugly scar on the landscape of recent American history with warmth, hope and surprising insight.

On a bitter October day in 1998, the barely conscious body of Matthew Shepherd, a gay University of Wyoming student, was found tied to a fence in a desolate field. The immediate community, shocked by the discovery of a vicious hate crime in their own backyard, soon found themselves forced to confront their feelings on homosexuality.

From the beginning, the stage is set for a compelling drama heightened by the recounting of this true incident through the voices of those who were there. In a unique, but at first disorienting and confusing take on reality theater, the cast of the Tectonic Theater Project at Kean University takes on the roles of the people they interviewed in real life. The result is that each cast member plays a diverse pool of characters that differ in age, ethnicity and, sometimes, gender.

"The Laramie Project" is ground-breaking theater in the sense that it is many things at once. It is a documentary capturing a real-life event, an unconventional acting experiment and a bracing commentary on society, with all of these aspects coming together to create a compelling story that blurs the lines between reality and theater.

By playing the people they interviewed, the cast reveals the face of Laramie, Wyo., showing a community of working class residents who are each individuals that come to question their thoughts on homosexuality, encased within a philosophy of "Live and Let Live."

As Matthew's story quickly spread around the nation and eventually, the world, the spotlight fell on Laramie, provoking a deeper look at hate and a debate over how it forms. Were the people of Laramie responsible for fostering two sons whose hatred of

homosexuals drove them to commit such a violent act? As in life, the play does not offer any black or white answers, only the necessity for each person to confront their own thoughts and challenge their own perceptions.

The cast highlights this aspect of the crime best as the story unfolds after Matthew's discovery and last remaining moments. Light and shadow play well against one another during the tense courtroom scenes and the media frenzy that descends over the town is hauntingly realistic as Matthew's life draws to a close.

Standout actors include Stephen Reed, who plays Sgt. Hing and Sgt. Rob DeBree among others. As the police presence in the town, Reed exemplifies a subdued shock and anger at the discovery of the crime and, despite playing a police character who believes homosexuality is wrong, he breaks down on camera in front of reporters as he reveals the news of Matthew's death.

Having been immersed in the crime, he said he didn't realize how much people hate.

The Islamic student, Zubaida Ula, played by Danielle Aldrich-Babicz, is a unique character in that she crystallizes the event for the whole community, showing that hate crimes can happen anywhere.

"We are like this," she says. "We need to own this crime." Later on, she opposes putting Aaron McKinney, one of the perpetrators, to death in the electric chair, questioning how "we" could put someone to death.

"This is the beginning, how do we move forward?" questions one of the locals, played by Nick Duchinsky. As one of his characters, Jedediah Schultz, he says that instead of saying "that's not how it is here," he finds just the opposite, and that there's no time for the community to create that distance to reflect on the crime.

Perhaps the most striking character is that of Matthew's father, Dennis, played by Jeffrey Norman. In a powerful, moving speech, he opposes putting McKinney to death in the electric chair, pledging to give him "life in the memory of one who no longer lives."

Friday's party marks Potter book's release

With excitement building as time grows short until the June 21st release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth in the "Harry Potter" series, Barnes and Noble bookstores have announced that on Friday, the Clark Barnes and Noble will remain open past midnight to ensure that Potter fans get their copies of the book as soon as it's released.

During this witching hour, fans who want to be the first to own the latest book in this enormously popular series can enjoy "Midnight Magic," Harry Potter-related contests, games, giveaways and more. The party begins at 9 p.m. and will include a Harry Potter Look-Alike Contest, Harry Potter Dictionary, and some very special crafts. Books will be available for sale at midnight. Readers of all ages are invited to enjoy one of the biggest literary events of the year.

"The anticipation surrounding the release of the Harry Potter books has been unprecedented," said Jeffrey Parsons, store manager of Barnes and Noble Inc. "In response to customer demand, we will stay open past midnight in order to provide an opportunity for those who wish to be among the first to purchase a copy of 'Harry Potter V' and have loads of fun at the same time."

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Van Gogh's Ear - a work of art!

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

As eclectic eaters go, Van Gogh's Ear in Union is a work of art! While the average diner could be considered "eclectic" because of the literal scope of its menu, the cafe on Stuyvesant Avenue in Union is Bohemian in every sense of the word: artwork fills the walls, bookshelves abound, and the chairs are an attractive hodge-podge style best described as "Early Yard Sale."

And it all works beautifully!

New owner Cathy Smook of Union has retained the unique style of Van Gogh's Ear, but mentioned that she and longtime chef Robert Perarra will be working together to "tweak the menu" for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the recent increase in the dinner crowd.

In addition to the decor, Van Gogh's Ear also offers entertainment in the form of musical performers a few nights a week. For information on the musical performances, see the "Variety" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10.

But let's not forget that Van Gogh's Ear is, first and foremost, an eatery, and one of the highest order, at that.

On a recent visit, my dining companion and I enjoyed a wide range of delicious dishes and exotic beverages. As we perused the menu on a warm evening, we quenched our thirsts with iced chai tea, a refreshing and tempting blend featuring an array of spices. We were soon relishing our appetizers: my companion dug right into the tangy Garlicky Spinach Dip, served warm with an assortment of multi-colored tortilla chips. The dip featured that burning bite all garlic-lovers crave, but was balanced by the creamy spinach base of the dip. I savored the robust Bruschetta Calabrese: hunks of toasted Italian bread heaped with incredibly fresh-tasting tomatoes, onions and basil. It burst on the tongue without being heavy.

For our main courses, I opted for the Chicken Focaccia, a generous sandwich of grilled chicken, fresh mozzarella and tomato. Despite its hearty size, the sandwich was quite light on the palate, filling without leaving me feeling overstuffed. My companion chose the Tabbouleh and Roasted Veggies, a fantasia of tastes and textures, with the roasted eggplant, peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, onions and mushrooms surrounding a mound of lightly seasoned tabbouleh, a Middle Eastern grain.

Our desserts were accompanied by a press of Jamaican coffee, which was full-bodied and strong and the perfect complement to our sweet finale: Sour Cream Velvet Cake and Bacio, or "The Italian Kiss." The souffle specialty is an enormous array of coffees and teas, so dessert is the perfect choice to go along with these delicious beverages.

Atmosphere, exotic coffee, delicious meals - a true work of art!

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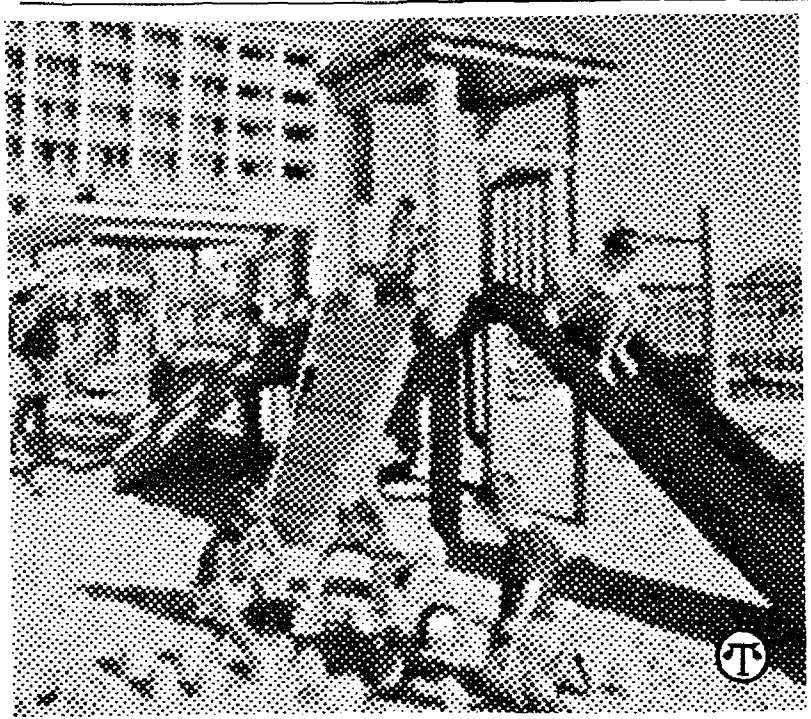
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Kid-friendly hotels make family road trips easier for Mom and Dad.

Keeping kids happy can reduce tension

This year, summer travel is all about family, car and country.

Nearly four out of five — 79 percent — travelers with children plan to hit the road to enjoy all things Americana, according to a recent Harris Interactive poll.

The poll of 1,002 households, conducted for Holiday Inn hotels, discovered interest in visiting patriotic sites and historic cities is up 22 percent from the previous year, indicating traffic to American landmarks may increase by as many as 63 million visitors in the near future. By all indications, the all-American family road trip is back.

"Common experiences help cement a family together," says family management expert Kathy Peel. "Every child's mind is a curator of memories. Fun family trips are an important part of building a rich museum of positive remembrances for our children."

Peel offers fresh tips to reduce stress and infuse fun into a family road adventure:

- Schedule a family meeting to talk about the trip budget and each member's expectations. Estimate the costs of different ideas and then prioritize the list together.

- Search for affordable, family-oriented lodging. At Holiday Inn hotels, for example, kids always eat and stay free. And just in time for summer vacations, the new "Dinner's on Us" promotion enables Mom and Dad to eat free too at the hotel's restaurant every night of their stay. Find out more at www.holiday-inn.com/free_dinner or call 800-HOLIDAY. Additionally, in select locations such as California and Florida, some hotels offer KidsSuites rooms — a special, themed room-within-a-room just for kids that will keep children entertained and give them their own space.

- Before you leave, make a list of some of the towns, rivers, and historical sites you will pass to create a variation of "I Spy" for the drive.

- Allow each family member to select a CD or book on tape that the whole family can enjoy.

- Start a reading program for the trip to build excitement about the places you will visit.

- Have your kids start a road trip scrapbook to collect memorabilia and record special memories.

- Let children have their own disposable camera for the trip.

- As you travel, or immediately upon return, record highlights and "lessons learned" to use in next year's planning.

Kathy Peel is the founder and CEO of Family Manager Inc. and the bestselling author of 15 books, including "Be Your Best: The Family Manager's Everyday Survival Guide" and "The Family Manager's Guide for Working Moms." She serves as contributing editor to Family Circle magazine and writes regularly for American Profile.

JCC will present child-safety event

JCC MetroWest will host a program dedicated to "Keeping Your Child Safe and Protecting Them," conducted by Alan Robinson of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The event will be June 30 at 7 p.m., at the JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey, 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange. It is co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service.

Topics to be covered include: Why the old lesson "Never talk to strangers" is the worst advice you can give a child, selecting a babysitter, child pornography, Internet safety for children and teenagers, how your child can reduce his or her risk of becoming a victim, and measures to prevent your child from being abducted, kidnapped or sexually exploited.

The registration fee for members is \$5 per person, \$8 per couple; for non-members, \$8 per person, \$10 per couple.

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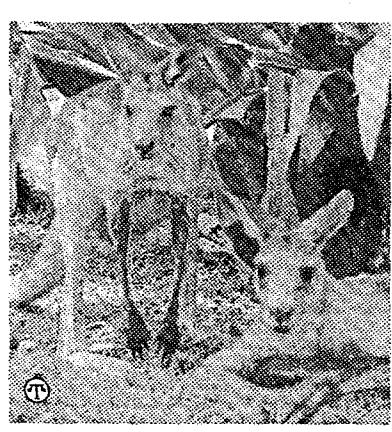
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Vacations can make for personal history

Fifes and drums, cannon blasts, and the festive clamor of a Colonial Market Day and May Fair bring the 18th century to life as the Valley Forge area celebrates the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution this spring.

Weekend hotel rates starting at \$64 a night with the third night free, free parking, and no charge for children 16 and younger staying in their parents' room makes this a fun, affordable family getaway. These "Patriots" Packages" include a free coupon book with dozens of deals, discounts and free offers; and a commemorative map and pin. Hotel offers are subject to availability, and rooms must be booked in advance.

Special events include military reenactments, colonial craft demonstrations, spinning, dyeing, weaving, dairying and hearth cooking demonstrations, hands-on children's activities and even a Court Martial for Benedict Arnold. Visitors can discuss politics with Gen. George Washington and British Gen. Howe; trade wisdom with Ben Franklin, or take tea with



Lowry Park Zoo is one of many affordable attractions in Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay is a real hot spot

There are a number of ways budget-conscious travelers can stretch their dollars — and get more value out of their vacations.

For example, the Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau offers visitors five Getaway Packages for less than most people might expect. Visitors to the region can also tour its historic Latin Quarter, view Greek art or come face to face with a kangaroo for less than \$10. Here's Tampa Bay's top 10 attractions for less than \$10:

- Dinosaur World
- Henry B. Plant Museum
- Lowry Park Zoo
- SS American Victory Ship
- Tampa Bay History Center
- Tampa Bay Museum of Art
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Visitors to Valley Forge — young and not-so-young alike — can step back in time and see history come to life before their eyes. Several special events are planned for this summer.

just half an hour outside of Philadelphia, and 90 miles from New York or Baltimore.

"Patriots or Traitors?" is sponsored by the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau with support

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Insurance can ease travel woes

By Amy Ziff
Travelocity Editor-at-Large

American travelers now more than ever want to protect their vacation investment. Travel insurance may seem like the answer and serves an excellent purpose in some cases, but it's important for consumers to know that it won't protect them in every case.

For example, most policies specifically do not cover you in the event of terrorism or war, and they won't cover an epidemic or outbreak in the region you plan to visit unless you actually go there and fall ill.

That's the bad news. The good news is that most major airlines, hoteliers, car rental companies and cruise lines have instituted special change policies that let you postpone — and sometimes cancel — your trip without the penalties usually associated with last-minute itinerary changes. These policies are courtesy of the travel suppliers themselves, and should not be confused with third party travel insurance.

The purpose of travel insurance is to prevent you from losing the money you've invested in a vacation should the unexpected happen. Depending on the size of that investment, travel insurance can be a wise choice. If you and your family are splurging on a once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation, travel insurance might provide peace of mind and a financial safety net. Short inexpensive trips probably don't require anything more than basic flight insurance, if that.

Travel insurance isn't for everyone. To figure out

whether it's for you, answer the following questions:

1. Does your carrier have a special change or cancellation policy in place?
2. If so, can you get your money back or do you get to rebook in the future?
3. If you can rebook, what is the time frame in which this is allowed?
4. When rebooking is an option, do the new plans allow the maximum amount of time to rebook?
5. Is the insurance provider a reputable company?
6. How are the insurance grades or ratings? Always go with a B+ or above.
7. Does the insurer have 24/7 assistance?

If you decide travel insurance is for you, make sure the policy gives you the protection you need. Specifically, it should cover: trip cancellation and delay, baggage loss and delay, flight insurance which insures against an accident, accidents and sickness as well as emergency evacuation if you're traveling abroad. It should come at a reasonable cost and be sold per person.

Committing to travel plans can be challenging in times like these. Fortunately, there are ways to hedge your bets. Travel insurance is probably the answer for some, while others need only read the fine print of their travel suppliers' cancellation policies.

Amy Ziff serves as a resource for travel tips, advice, and trend information. To read her weekly column called "Travel Tips from A to Z," visit www.travelocity.com.

Using the Internet can make travel planning a breeze

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Traditions, styles showcased at Country Folk Art Show

The Country Folk Art Craft Show is returning by popular demand to the Mennen Sports Arena in Morristown the weekend of June 27 to 29.

This beautiful show features more than 150 of the most creative and innovative artisans from all across the nation. Craft lovers will find the Country Folk Art Show to be not only an enjoyable shopping experience, but a very inspirational one. Even the novice decorator will be inspired as they find those perfect accents for their home.

Whether you desire the new and popular "Shabby Chic" a design concept which transforms the old from another time and place with a touch of white paint, crystal knobs and then

maybe freshen it up with some toile or floral fabric. Twinkling chandeliers, rusty white wrought iron, candles and garden benches are other musts to give you that final romantic and elegant touch. Or, maybe you prefer the more traditional "country" style, embodied in the patriotic "American" motif proclaiming liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Handmade baskets, dolls and unique lamps may be just what you need to add that sense of warmth and comfort into your home for your distinctive decorating style.

Some other popular decorating themes include French or Primitive Country, Cottage, Victorian, Northwoods, Whimsical, Contemporary

Baby Boomers can 'share time' with grandchildren on vacation

Many savvy baby boomers who have become grandparents are buying up timeshares as a way to assure spending quality time with their grandchildren.

Grandparents who do not live near their grandchildren will have a place to vacation with their kids and grandkids every year. In addition, a deeded vacation ownership can even be passed on to heirs.

Two grandparents, the co-founders of grandparents.com, have owned their vacations with Marriott Vacation Club International since 1994. Richard Anthony and his wife, Marlene, bought a week for each of their five children, so they could host each family's vacation.

Those "grandboomers" are not alone. The American Resort Development Association estimates more than four million U.S. families own at least one week of vacations. Of those, 68 percent are 50 years of age or older. What's more, a recent study found that grandparents who own their timeshare vacations are nearly twice as likely to travel with grandchildren.

The family-friendly accommodations offered at these vacation resorts typically feature two-bedroom, two-bath villas that sleep as many as six guests and include roomy living and dining areas and private balconies. Most have a kitchen, too, which means you don't have to take young children out for dinner or breakfast every day. Each resort is full of activities like family pool parties, campfires and even karaoke to share fun time together.

A great way to try out a villa without any obligation is by visiting www.marriottvillarentals.com or by calling 800-VILLAS-9 for current rental specials at the destination of your choice across the U.S.

Folk Art — a versatile selection to fit any ambiance you desire. Browsing you will find a huge array of unique designs and treasures such as stained glass, wood furniture, floral arrangements, birdhouses, many fine arts, beautiful handmade clothing for children and adults, as well as plenty of custom made jewelry and accessories.

For those looking for a little comfort and relaxation to complement your busy lifestyles, there will be relaxing and uplifting music, soaps and aromatherapy items, along with many gourmet delights.

The Country Folk Art Craft Show will take place June 27 to 29 in Morristown at the Mennen Sports Arena.

Hours are June 27 from 5 to 9 p.m., June 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6.

For information, contact Country Folk Art Shows Inc. by calling 248-634-4151, sending e-mail to Info@countryfolkart.com or visiting www.countryfolkart.com.

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Land of Make Believe bases success on three words

For nearly a half-century, Land of Make Believe in Hope Township has enjoyed success entertaining children and families from the tri-state area.

The foundation for its popularity has been described as "Unique, Special and Fun."

"Unique" qualities of the Land of Make Believe began with its design philosophy. The park, planned by an educator, was the first in the United States to incorporate parent participation. Mom and Dad were no longer passive spectators simply looking on. To this day, parents and children get to experience the special bonding resulting from a day of incredible fun.

The park, formerly a dairy farm, incorporates the original building and layout. The big red barn has been transformed into a Christmas Wonderland. A European Christmas Village complete with shops is located on the first floor. Children escorting their parents then go through the magical fireplace and up to the North Pole to visit with Santa Claus. Each child receives a gift after giving Santa their early wish list for Christmas. Continuing with the theme of uniqueness, children have the opportunity to con-

verse with the world's only talking Scarecrow.

Middle Earth Theater is another highlight of uniqueness. Children as well as parents dress up in costumes and act the part of kings, queens, princesses, and knights as a professional storyteller accompanied by music weaves a tale from long ago.

"Special" is a perfect word to describe the full flavor of the park.

There is something for everyone at the Land of Make Believe, especially for kids ages 2 to 7 and "JV" teenagers 8 to 12. There is the state-of-the-art Water Park's Pirate's Cove with the world's largest wading pool; the No. 1 rated water slide, "Black Hole;" the only Sidewinder, the ultimate family thrill ride in the tri-state area, and the river tubing ride with rapids, water falls and waves. At the new Pirate's Fort, buccaneers stay awash by the thousand-gallon tipping bucket.

"Fun" is the ultimate description resulting from a day spent at Land of Make Believe. Whether it's a ride on the Civil War train or the Grand Bejeweled Carousel, an exhilarating ride on the park's roller coaster, on the

Tornado or Spinning T-Rex, or on the most popular family ride ever built, Tilt-a-Whirl, Land of Make Believe is what fun is all about.

Parents find the one-price admission an added bonus.

The admission includes free parking, all rides and attractions, the Water Park, and free picnicking — families are encouraged to bring their own food.

Parents actually pay less than their children, compared to other amusement parks, for a full day of safe and wholesome activities.

"Unique ... Special ... Fun." That's Land of Make Believe.

Land of Make Believe is accessible from Route 80. Admission is \$17 for children 2 to 18 years old, \$15 for adults and \$13 for senior citizens.

The park is open daily through Monday of Labor Day weekend. It's then open Saturday and Sunday Sept. 6 and 7, for the season finale weekend.

The park, two miles from Exit 12 on Route 80, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 908-459-9000 or visit the Web site, www.LOMB.com.



Visitors to the Land of Make Believe in Hope enjoy the wet and wonderful thrills of the facility's state-of-the-art water park.

Westfield Players to hold auditions

Director Joann Scanlon of Westfield Community Players is holding open auditions for Bob Barry's comedy mystery "Murder Among Friends" on Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield.

Rehearsals will start in early September; shows are Oct. 11 to Nov. 1. For information, call the director at 973-635-6043.

The action unfolds as Angela and her lover plot the murder of her estranged and concealed husband. In a series of twists and turns, we discover that the lover and husband are plotting against her, or is it the husband and Angela against the lover? In the climactic scene, a double murder is committed, but which gun had the blanks and who is really dead?

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With gasoline and other travel-related costs on the rise, spare change converted to useful cash could help put a dent in vacation costs. On average, people who

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When looking for some extra cash for travel, a fast and easy way is to bring your coin jar to

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ART SHOWS

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF HUMAN EXPRESSIONS by Mario Pinto de Portugal will be on exhibit at the Les Maramut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friburgo Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

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2003 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT will tour Union County, with an initial exhibit at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The exhibit will remain at the Springfield Library through July 9. For information, call 908-558-2550. Relay users dial 711.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will present its annual Members' Show and Sale through July 20.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Miroslaw Chelchowski, Tim Weaver and Alice Major throughout the months of June and July. CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY, multimedia works by Andrea Larmor, inspired by a poem by Robert Frost, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit from through Aug. 7.

Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

A NATURAL CONNECTION, landscape photography by Nancy Ori and Dwight Hisciano, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit from July 1 to Sept. 8.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties L.L.C., 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

AUDITIONS

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will conduct auditions for "Murder Among Friends" by Bob Barry on Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. Being

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sought are four men, 20s to 50s, and two women, late 30s and 50s. Show dates are Oct. 11 to Nov. 1. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-6855.

BOOKS

MIDNIGHT MAGIC PARTY at Barnes and Noble in Springfield will take place Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. to celebrate the release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." The event will include games and activities. The book will go on sale at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR MICHAEL IMMERSO will appear at Barnes and Noble of Clark on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Coney Island: The People's Playground." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AUTHOR JON KATZ will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield on June 29 at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "New Work of Dogs: Tending to Life, Love and Family in a Changing World." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 732-382-7197.

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HARRY POTTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet every other Thursday at 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield.

June 26: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

July 10: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

July 24: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"

Aug. 7: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

Aug. 21: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Available June 21)

Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

TEEN BOOK GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. The selection for Wednesday is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will sponsor watercolor classes; the next eight-week session runs Wednesdays through June 25. Fee is \$138 with a discount for Reeves-Reed members. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 16.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series of Westfield and Springfield will conclude its musical presentations this weekend in Westfield.

Saturday: GrooveLily, Westfield

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St.; Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. Suggested donation is \$12 with proceeds benefiting local charities. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK

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AMERICA! its free touring outdoor summer concert, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. For information, call 973-624-3713 or visit www.njsymphony.org.

Each workshop is \$15 per child. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 15.

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

STONY HILL PLAYERS of Summit will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" through Sunday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$6 for children younger than 12. Performances are at Summit Middle School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. For information, call 908-464-7716.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" by Jewel Seehaus-Fisher from June 26 to July 13 in the Roy Smith Theater on UCC's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 Fridays to Sundays, \$7 Thursdays; special rates are \$7 for students at all performances and \$7 for senior citizens on Senior Sunday, June 29. Gay Pride Night is June 27, with a reception following the performance. For information, call 908-659-5189.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY will present "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams Tuesday through July 20. Shows are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays; there is no 7 p.m. performance July 20. Special curtain times are 7 p.m. June 27, 2 p.m. July 16 and 7:30 p.m. July 3. Tickets are \$29 to \$43 for most shows with the following exceptions: Tuesday to June 26, \$23 to \$28; June 27, \$38 to \$43, and June 28, \$50 to \$55.

Special performances are the Symposium Series, featuring post-show discussions, July 1 at 8 p.m. and July 5 at 2 p.m.

The Shakespeare Theater of New

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: The Son Lewis Trio

Tuesday: Patrick Suler, 8 p.m.

Jeremy Manjorin, 9 p.m.

June 29: The Hal Hirsch Trio

For information, call 908-810-1844.

Skulski exhibit closes Friday

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark will present an exhibit of pastels by Ryszard Milek through Friday.

Milek born in Poland in 1955, graduated from the Secondary School of Fine Arts in Tarnow and from Catholic University of Lublin, where he studied art history. He draws, paints and writes artistic critiques. For several years he taught art history at WSB-NU, also in primary and secondary schools. Milek belongs to the Polish Pastel Artists Association, where he is a secretary. The most important exhibits took place in cities such as Krakow, Lublin, Gdansk, Torun, Gdynia and others. In 1996, he won first prize at the Polish Biennale of Pastel Drawings. He is also a member of Fine Arts and Poetry in Krakow. His works can be found in many private and public collections in Poland, England, France, Sweden, the Vatican, Italy, Austria, Norway and in the United States.

"Milek tells us about beautiful, therefore very important, things; about the physical and spiritual aspects of a man, which are shown in his nudes and iconic silhouettes of saints, surrounded by metaphysical light and similar dreamlike architecture; about Heraclian panta rhei in its dreamlike smoothness, slight leaning and emotion that can be felt and that is turned into the inner emotion of the work," Jersey Madeski.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway in Clark. The Skulski Gallery is open to the public Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.

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REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will sponsor several classes for children in the coming months in its Family Fun Series.

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NEWS CLIPS

Guild sponsors classes

This summer, the Arts Guild of Rahway is offering a new program for children ages 7 to 14: The Kids Summer Art Camp.

For four weeks while children are out of school, the Guild is making available a fun-filled opportunity for young children to receive high-level instruction about creating art from a staff of talented artists and teaching professionals.

During a typical one-week session of the camp, children will explore their creativity as they work on intensive projects in drawing, acrylic painting, printmaking, watercolor, collage, assemblage and other creative avenues.

If your child has been interested in drawing or painting, or making art of any kind, whether or not they have received art instruction in school, the Art Camp projects will introduce them to another level of artistry and the new possibilities for their budding talent.

The Art Camp will be offered as four separate week-long sessions: July 7 to 11, July 14 to 18, July 21 to 25, and July 28 to Aug. 1.

The Art Camp is available for children ages 7 to 14. Weekly camp hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Rates are \$275 per week. This fee is for the 25 hours of camp per week and includes all art materials and supplies needed as well as drinks and snacks for a daily break. Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Full payment is due at time of registration to ensure a place for the child in the program.

Weather permitting, children will have lunch outside on the lawn surrounding the Guild. The teacher and a supervisor will be present at all times during lunch, breaks and activities.

The Art Camp instructors are Joan Arbeiter, M.F.A.; Bonnie Maranz, M.A., fine arts, and Yvonne Fasciale-Alach, B.A., fine arts education.

To register children for the Summer Art Camp, call Tracy Pushko or Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511, or send e-mail to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net.

UCAC hosts workshop

For the eighth consecutive year, the Union County Arts Center in Rahway will offer a Summer Theater Workshop for children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

For two weeks in July, Children's Stage Adventures Inc. will conduct two children's theater workshops: "Oliver Twist," July 7 to 12, and "The Fisherman and His Wife," July 14 to 19.

Both productions require a placement workshop and all pre-registered participants will be involved in the week's events. The audition process is necessary to better place children in the program. It allows them to put their "best foot forward" and is more about spirit, attitude and participation than talent.

The cost of the program is \$125 per child per week. If parents are registering more than one child, they may receive a discount. For more information and registration forms, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org. The Kiwanis Club of Rahway is the program's sponsor.

Chorale director is sought

Summit Chorale, mid-sized and audited, is looking for a music director/conductor beginning in September 2004 to provide artistic vision and lead all aspects of preparation for three performances per year between September and May, some with orchestra.

Auditions in Madison during the fall of this year. Requirements for the position are a master's degree in conducting or equivalent experience, extensive vocal experience as singer and voice teacher, highly developed choral and orchestral conducting skills, broad knowledge of the choral literature, and a passion for creative programming. Applicants should submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, full repertoire list, tape/CD of performances, videotape of rehearsal, and representative concert programs by Aug. 15.

For detailed application requirements and/or more information, view the job description at the Web site at www.summitchorale.org. Send questions via e-mail to Susan Blum at sueblum8@yahoo.com, or phone her at 908-781-1974.

Union Music School has registration for summer

The Union Music School has announced mail-in registration for its 49th annual summer session, slated from July 1 through 31, 9 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. daily.

It will be held at Kawameeh Middle School, which is accessible from Chestnut Street or Morris Avenue in Union. Before and after care are also

available daily for a nominal charge. Tuition is \$310 per child with family discounts.

Many new courses in 2002 and 2003 for students in grades Pre-K thru 12 include Musical Art, Origami and Paper Art, Art With the Artists, Wood Sculpture and Design, Songwriters, and Creative Illustrated Advertising. Also, the musicals under consideration are "Alice in Wonderland" or a revue for grades three to seven, and "Little Shop of Horrors" for grades eight to 12; final selections depend on Merck and Co. Inc.

Parents wishing to have a brochure mailed to them with complete information are asked to provide their name and mailing address, preferably via e-mail, which can be sent to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net.

Faxes may be sent to 908-687-7332, and phone inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Fraim at 908-851-6470. The Union Music School can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 3566, Union, 07083-1895.

Guild seeks artists for annual juried exhibition

The Arts Guild of Rahway is seeking artworks from artists who live or work in Union County for "Celebrating Excellence: The Merck 2003 Juried Union County Art Show."

This marks the fifth consecutive year that this exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Artists may submit as many as three slides for consideration. All media will be considered, except sculpture due to the multiple use of the art gallery for The Arts Guild Music Series. Craftwork is also not accepted. The maximum size for submitted works is 36 by 36 inches framed. There is no fee required to submit slides. For an entry form and/or prospectus, contact Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511. No entries will be accepted without an official entry form and compliance with conditions.

Jurors for the exhibit this year are Hugo Bastidas, artist, Fulbright Fellow, professor of art at New Jersey City University; Johann Jochnowitz, artist, professor of art at Kean University; Nancy J. Ori, photographer, New Jersey Media Center, and an instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and Somerset Art Center.

In-hand deadline for submission of slides is July 31. Judging will

take place in early August and artists whose work is selected for the exhibit will be held notified by late August.

The exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Oct. 19 through Nov. 14.

"Celebrating Excellence" is a partnership exhibit sponsored and organized by the Arts Guild of Rahway in collaboration with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded by Merck and Co. Inc.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit multidisciplinary center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, visit www.rahwayartsguild.org, call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net.

State's pro theaters will conduct annual auditions

The New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional Actor's Equity theaters, will hold auditions Aug. 18 and 19 for Equity performers, and Aug. 20 for non-Equity performers.

Auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in New Brunswick, by appointment only. Preference will be given to New Jersey-based actors.

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To enter the lottery:

A. Send one 8x10 headshot with attached resume. Send a copy of your Equity card if you are a member of the union.

B. Indicate whether or not you intend to sing as part of your audition.

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D. Send self-addressed stamped .37 business-size envelope. Any entry without a self-addressed stamped envelope will be disallowed.

E. Mail entries to the New Jersey Theater Alliance, 17 Cook Ave., Madison, 07932. The entry must be postmarked by June 27, 2003.

Failure to follow all of the above directions will cause an entry to be rejected from the lottery. Actors will be notified by mail of their audition appointment, so it is extremely important that the stamped self-addressed envelope have a current address. The audition site in New Jersey is easily accessible by car, train and bus. Directions will be sent if an actor is selected for an appointment.

HEART Grants available

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Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County.

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"The services provided by these artists, scholars and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county and increase appreciation for the arts, our history, and the humanities," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, well-being, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County."

To request a HEART Grant application and guidelines, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202. For telephone inquiries, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711. E-mail may be sent to sooen@ucnj.org.

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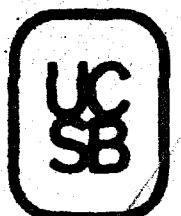
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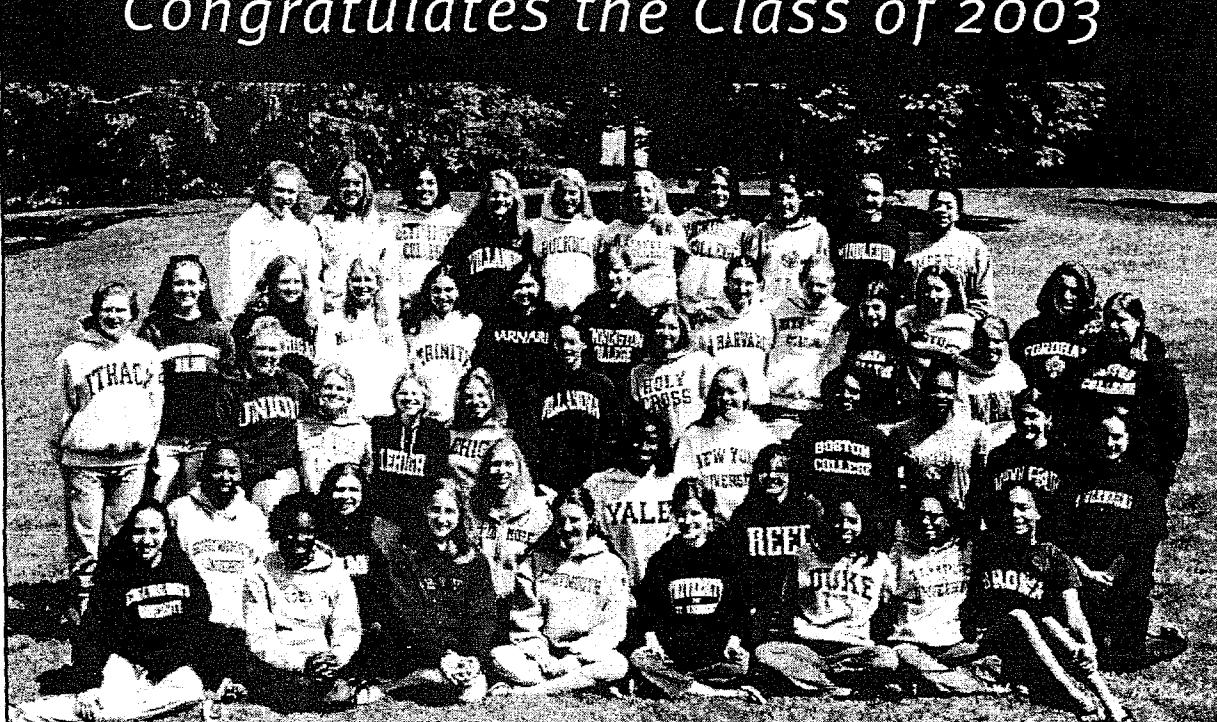
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An intermittent problem is one that doesn't happen all the time. For instance, if your car dies at every stop sign, that problem is not intermittent. If it dies at every other stop sign, that is not an intermittent problem, either. If your car randomly dies at stop signs, that problem is intermittent.

Your mechanic cannot guarantee a diagnosis of intermittent problems. For example, suppose your car has a problem in which, once in awhile, when you come to a stop sign, the engine dies. You put it in park and start it back up and it keeps running just fine. Over the next 10 to 20 days of driving and the next 10 to 50 stops, the engine behaves itself and doesn't stall. Yet, just when you think that your car has somehow fixed itself, it dies again at a stop sign. Curses!

The problem is really starting to annoy you, so you take it in and leave it with me, your mechanic, with instructions to make sure it is fixed before I give it back to you. Now your car's problem has become my problem. I start by test driving the car with you and stop the car several times. The car keeps running just fine at each stop. It's obvious to both of us that the problem qualifies as an intermittent problem. You leave the car with me and I go to work. I spend a couple of hours checking and find several things wrong. You have a cracked windshield, a tire that is just about ready to burst, an intake hose that is cracked and a bad diode in the alternator.

Now, it's obvious that the cracked windshield is a problem and that the tire should be replaced, but we both know that, even though these are problems that should be fixed, fixing them will not solve that stalling at stop signs problem.

The cracked intake hose and the bad diode are things that could cause your car to stall at idle. We have one big problem with this logic: If the cracked hose or the diode is the cause of your stalling problem, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

I call you up, tell you what I have found, and recommend replacing the hose and alternator, but caution you that fixing these two problems may not solve your stalling problem. The only way either of us could know if replacing these things fixed your stalling problem is for one of us to drive the car for 20 days, because

that's how long you say the car has gone without stalling.

At this point, the customer shows frustration. Here I am, the professional mechanic, telling my customer that I suggest spending hard-earned money fixing two things that, even though they test bad, are obviously not causing any problems right now and, on top of that, I am not willing to promise that fixing them is going to cure the car of stalling.

Sometimes a customer will offer to help me in diagnosing the car. Could it be my fuel pump? I know that a co-worker suggested this one, because the co-worker had a similar problem and it turned out to be the fuel pump. My answer to the could it be yes. It could be that. Once in awhile, the car's fuel pump quits pumping when it comes to stop sign and causes the engine to stall. My question back is, if your fuel pump is bad, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

Now, there are exotic tests that I can do on the fuel pump, such as an amperage draw and oscilloscope wave pattern tests. These tests take considerable time, which is money. Even if the test shows that the fuel pump is bad, we still will be back in the same predicament as with the cracked hose and the diode. If the pump test bad, why isn't the car stalling right now?

The bottom line is that your mechanic cannot promise to fix an intermittent problem. Sometimes we

can be fairly sure that what we find will fix the problem, but we seldom can be absolutely sure. And, sometimes, we can find absolutely nothing wrong with your car. As you can see, intermittent problems can put a real strain on your relationship with your mechanic.

I think it is imperative that, any-time you're dealing with an intermittent problem, your mechanic should explain before you leave your car with him that he offers no guarantee to find and/or fix the problem. If you agree to these terms, then you have a responsibility not to hold him responsible if what he suggests ends up not curing the problem; and, if he can find nothing wrong, you still have to pay him for his time trying.

If you don't like the idea of paying lots of money for testing and repairs, with absolutely no guarantee up front that your car's problem will be solved, then don't leave your car with that mechanic. You might be able to find another mechanic who is willing to guarantee to find and fix your car's problem but, personally, I think that any mechanic who is willing to do so is either a crook or a fool.

Think about it.

Jon Woods is a certified master mechanic who hosts an auto talk show on station KSDO in San Diego and can be reached through his Web site at www.signonsandiego.com/marketplace/autocenter. sy0cf1

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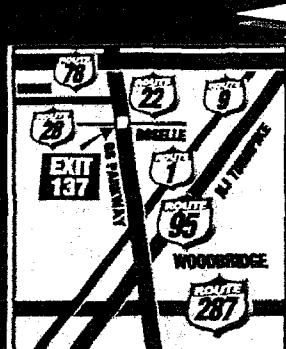
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